

AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RESULTS
1970 - 1979

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**Following my previous efforts,
I have gone back in time to the 1970's**

**This is an interim issue due to the restrictions caused by
the Covid-19 virus that closed most avenues of research.**

Full Internationals shown as **BOLD**

1970						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
25-Apr	Saigon, South Vietnam	Kowloon Bus Company	Australia	2-6		Friendship Cup
26-Apr	Saigon	South Vietnamese Army	Australia	0-1		Friendship Cup
29-Apr	Perth	Western Australia	Australia	2-6		
17-Oct	Adelaide	South Australia	Australia	0-0		
23-Oct	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australia	1-3		
25-Oct	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australia	0-1		
28-Oct	Hong Kong	Jardines	Australia	0-3		
30-Oct	Macao		Australia	0-9		
2-Nov	Tehran, Iran	Oghab Tehran F.C.	Australia	0-0		
4-Nov	Tehran, Iran	Persepolis F.C.	Australia	1-2		
5-Nov	Tehran, Iran	Tehran XI	Australia	3-3		
10-Nov	Tel Aviv	Israel	Australia	0-1		
11-Nov	Haifa, Israel	Hapoel Haifa	Australia	1-2		
17-Nov	Athens	Greece	Australia	1-3		
19-Nov	Kavala	Greece 'B'	Australia	1-1		
23-Nov	Luton, England	Luton Town	Australia	1-2		
25-Nov	Manchester, England	Manchester City	Australia	2-0		
27-Nov	Dublin, Eire	League of Ireland	Australia	1-0		
2-Dec	Mexico City	Mexico	Australia	3-0		

1971						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
13-Jun	Sydney	Australia	England F.A. XI	0-1		
20-Jun	Melbourne	Australia	England F.A. XI	0-1		
17-Oct	Melbourne	Queensland	Australian XI	0-0		
20-Oct		New South Wales U-21	Australian XI	?-?		
24-Oct	Sydney	APIA / Marconi XI	Australian XI	2-5		
30-Oct	Sydney	Western Suburbs	Australian XI	0-3		
11-Nov	Brisbane	Australia	Israel	2-2		
14-Nov	Sydney	Australia	Israel	1-0		
21-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	Israel	1-3		

1972						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
17-May	Adelaide	Australian XI	Dundee	1-2		
11-Jun	Melbourne	Australia	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-0		
12-Jun	Sydney	Australia	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-2		
17-Jun	Sydney	Australia	Santos FC	2-2		
7-Oct	Jakarta	Indonesia	Australia	1-4		
9-Oct	Jakarta	New Zealand	Australia	1-3		
14-Oct	Saigon, South Vietnam	Saigon U-23 All-Stars XI	Australia	0-2		
15-Oct	Saigon	South Vietnam	Australia	0-1		
22-Oct	Seoul	Korea Republic	Australia	1-1		
24-Oct	Seoul	Korea Republic	Australia	0-2		
29-Oct	Manila	Philippines	Australia	0-6		

1973						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
14-Feb	Sydney	Australia	Bulgaria	2-2		
16-Feb	Adelaide	Australia	Bulgaria	1-3		
18-Feb	Melbourne	Australia	Bulgaria	0-2		
25-Feb	Brisbane	Bardon Latrobe	Australia	0-6		
4-Mar	Auckland	New Zealand	Australia	1-1		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2
8-Mar		Northern Districts	Australia	1-8		
11-Mar	Sydney	Australia	Iraq	3-1		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2
11-Mar	Sydney	Australia	Indonesia	2-1		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2
16-Mar	Sydney	Australia	New Zealand	3-3		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2
18-Mar	Melbourne	Australia	Iraq	0-0		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2
24-Mar	Sydney	Australia	Indonesia	6-0		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2
11-Jul	Sydney	Victoria	Australia	1-2		
18-Jul	Sydney	Australia Reserves	Australia	4-5		
25-Jul	Wallsend	Northern New South Wales 'B'	Australia 'B'	1-3		
25-Jul	Wallsend	Northern New South Wales 'A'	Australia 'A'	0-5		
8-Aug	Brisbane	Queensland 'B'	Australia 'B'	0-4		
8-Aug	Brisbane	Queensland 'A'	Australia 'A'	1-1		
11-Aug	Sydney	APIA-Leichhardt	Australia	2-2		
14-Aug	Sydney	Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs	Australia	0-5		
18-Aug	Sydney	Australia	Iran	3-0		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B Final, 1st.Leg
24-Aug	Tehran	Iran	Australia	2-0		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B Final, 2nd.Leg
30-Sep	Brisbane	Queensland	Australia	0-1		
7-Oct	Sydney	New South Wales U23 'B'	Australia 'B'	1-1		
7-Oct	Sydney	New South Wales U23 'A'	Australia 'A'	2-7		
12-Oct	Sydney	New South Wales U23	Australia	1-5		
14-Oct	Wallsend	Northern New South Wales 'B'	Australia 'B'	1-2		
14-Oct	Wallsend	Northern New South Wales 'A'	Australia 'A'	1-3		
17-Oct	Melbourne	Victoria	Australia	1-2		
21-Oct	Sydney	New South Wales U23	Australia	0-3		
28-Aug	Sydney	Australia	Korea Republic	0-0		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Final Round, 1st.Leg
4-Nov	Sydney	New South Wales U23	Australia	1-2		
10-Nov	Seoul	Korea Republic	Australia	2-2		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Final Round, 2nd.Leg
13-Nov	Hong Kong	Korea Republic	Australia	0-1		World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Final Round, Play-off

1974						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
6-Feb	Adelaide	Australia	Ferencváros	1-2		
10-Feb	Sydney	Australia	Ferencváros	0-0		
20-Mar	Sydney	Australia	Auckland XI	0-0		
3-Apr	Wollongong	Safeway United	Australia 'A'	4-6		
3-Apr	Wollongong	Balgownie	Australia 'B'	1-3		
10-Apr	Sydney	Australia U-23	Australia	?-?		
17-Apr	Sydney	Bankstown	Australia	1-4		
25-Apr	Melbourne	Australia	Uruguay	0-0		
27-Apr	Sydney	Australia	Uruguay	2-0		
21-May	Jakarta	Indonesia	Australia	1-2		
28-May	Jaffa	Israel	Australia	2-1		
4-Jun	St.Gallen, Switzerland	F.C. St.Gallen 1879	Australia	1-4		
6-Jun	Brugg, Switzerland	Berner S.C. Young Boys	Australia	0-2		
8-Jun	Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Neuchâtel Xamax FCS	Australia	0-1		
14-Jun	Hamburg, West Germany	East Germany	Australia	2-0		World Cup finals, Group 1
18-Jun	Hamburg, West Germany	West Germany	Australia	3-0		World Cup finals, Group 1
22-Jun	West Berlin, West Germany	Chile	Australia	0-0		World Cup finals, Group 1

1975						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
29-Jan	Sydney	Western Suburbs	Australia	?-?		
2-Feb	Sydney	Australia	Legia Warszawa	2-2		
5-Feb	Brisbane	Australia	Legia Warszawa	1-2		
5-Jun	Sydney	Australia 'A'	Australia 'B'	1-1		
8-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	Rangers	1-2		
11-Jun	Brisbane	Australian XI	Rangers	1-0		
13-Jun	Jakarta, Indonesia	Korea Republic	Australia	1-1		6th. Jakarta Anniversary Cup Tournament
14-Jun	Jakarta, Indonesia	Burma	Australia	2-1		6th. Jakarta Anniversary Cup Tournament
18-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	Manchester United	0-4		
5-Aug	Melbourne	Victorian U-16	Australian XI	?-?		
6-Aug	Melbourne	Australia	People's Republic of China	1-0		
20-Aug	Sydney	Australian XI	S.L. Benfica	2-2		
16-Nov	Perth	Western Australia	Australia 'B'	1-0		
16-Nov	Perth	Australia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0-0		
20-Nov	Adelaide	South Australia	Australia 'B'	2-1		
20-Nov	Adelaide	Australia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0-3		
23-Nov	Melbourne	Victoria	Australia 'B'	1-3		
23-Nov	Melbourne	Australia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1-2		
26-Nov	Brisbane	Australia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0-0		
30-Nov	Sydney	Australia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2-3		
3-Dec	Newcastle	Australia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1-1		

1976						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
5-Feb	Sydney	Australian XI	Papua New Guinea	6-1		
8-Feb	Sydney	Australian XI	Velez Mostar	2-2		
29-Feb	Auckland	New Zealand	Australia	0-1		
2-Mar	Melbourne	Australia	New Zealand	3-1		
16-May	Sydney	Australian XI	Tottenham Hotspur	2-3		
19-May	Sydney	Australian XI	Sunderland A.F.C.	3-4		
25-May	Melbourne	Victoria	Australia 'B'	0-0		
25-May	Melbourne	Australian XI	Sunderland A.F.C.	0-0		
2-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	Heart of Midlothian FC	2-1		
9-Jun	Adelaide	Australian XI	Bologna FC 1909	3-0		
13-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	Bologna FC 1909	0-0		
30-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	Italian Army XI	1-3		
11-Aug	Canberra	Australia	Hong Kong	0-1		
18-Aug	Gosford	Australia	Hong Kong	2-0		
20-Oct	Jakarta	Indonesia	Australia	1-1		
22-Oct	Singapore	Singapore	Australia	0-1		
24-Oct	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Australia	0-2		
27-Oct	Beijing, People's Republic of China	Chinese Selection	Australia	4-5		
29-Oct	Guangzhou, People's Republic of China	People's Republic of China	Australia	0-2		
3-Nov	Tel Aviv	Israel	Australia	1-1		
6-Nov	Hamburg, West Germany	Hamburger SV	Australia	2-1		
9-Nov	Eindhoven, Netherlands	PSV Eindhoven	Australia	2-1		
10-Nov	Baunatal, West Germany	KSV Baunatal	Australia	1-1		
12-Nov	Daaden, West Germany	Spfr Daaden 1911	Australia	2-3	Match not completed	
15-Nov	Sunderland, England	Sunderland AFC	Australia	2-0		
16-Nov	Birmingham, England	Birmingham City FC	Australia	4-1		

1977						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
30-Jan	Sydney	Australia	Red Star Belgrade	1-3		
2-Feb	Sydney	Australia	Red Star Belgrade	1-3		
5-Feb	Melbourne	Australia	Red Star Belgrade	1-3		
12-Feb	Melbourne	Australia	Israel	1-1		
16-Feb	Sydney	Australia	Israel	1-1		
8-Mar	Sydney	Western Suburbs	Australia	1-0		
13-Mar	Ba, Fiji	Republic of China (Taiwan)	Australia	0-3		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5
16-Mar	Ba, Fiji	Republic of China (Taiwan)	Australia	1-2		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5
19-Mar	Suva	Fiji	Australia	1-0		
24-Mar	Sydney	Western Suburbs	Australia	?-?		
27-Mar	Sydney	Australia	New Zealand	3-1		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5
30-Mar	Auckland	New Zealand	Australia	1-1		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5
5-Jun	Sydney	Australia	Middlesbrough FC	1-5		
8-Jun	Melbourne	Australia	Bobby Charlton's All Stars	2-1		
10-Jul	Adelaide	Australia	Hong Kong	3-0		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
20-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Arsenal	3-1		World of Soccer Cup
26-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Celtic	2-3		World of Soccer Cup
28-Jul	Melbourne	Australia	Red Star Belgrade	2-3		World of Soccer Cup
14-Aug	Melbourne	Australia	Iran	0-1		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
24-Aug	Sydney	Sutherland Shire F.C.	Australia	2-3		
27-Aug	Sydney	Australia	Korea Republic	2-1		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
8-Oct	Brisbane	Queensland	Australia	4-4		
12-Oct	Sydney	Western Suburbs	Australia	4-6		
16-Oct	Sydney	Australia	Kuwait	1-2		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
23-Oct	Seoul	Korea Republic	Australia	0-0		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
30-Oct	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Australia	2-5		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
6-Nov	Sydney	New South Wales U-21	Australia	0-2		
10-Nov	Sydney	New South Wales U-21	Australia	1-1		
13-Nov	Singapore	Singapore	Australia	0-2		
19-Nov	Kuwait City	Kuwait	Australia	1-0		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round
25-Nov	Tehran	Iran	Australia	1-0		World Cup, AFC / OFC Qualifying Final Round

1978						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
7-Jun	Wallsend	Newcastle KB United	Australia	3-2		
11-Jun	Melbourne	Australian XI	Greece	1-2		
14-Jun	Adelaide	Australia	Greece	0-1		
18-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	Greece	1-1		

1979						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
4-Feb	Sydney	Australian XI	Wisła Kraków	1-3		
2-May	Sydney	Australia 'A'	Australia 'B'	1-1		
9-May	Newcastle	Newcastle KB United	Australia	0-0		
15-May	Sydney	Sydney Olympic	Australia 'B'	0-6		
15-May	Sydney	Marconi-Fairfield	Australia 'A'	2-1		
30-May	Brisbane	Queensland XI	Australian XI	0-0		
13-Jun	Auckland	New Zealand	Australia	1-0		
29-Jun	Newcastle	Australian XI	FK Partizan Beograd	1-1		
1-Jul	Sydney	Australian XI	FK Partizan Beograd	0-1		
24-Jul	Newcastle	Australia 'A'	Australia 'B'	3-2		
24-Oct	Sydney	Australian XI	New York Cosmos	2-1		
10-Nov	Beijing, People's Republic of China	Shandong Province	Australia	1-3		
13-Nov	Beijing, People's Republic of China	Beijing F.C.	Australia	2-2		
16-Nov	Shanghai, People's Republic of China	Shanghai	Australia	2-3		
18-Nov	Shanghai, People's Republic of China	Tianjin Province	Australia	2-3		
21-Nov	Guangzhou, People's Republic of China	Canton Army	Australia	0-1		
26-Nov	Taipei, Taiwan	Taipei City Bank F.C.	Australia	1-7		
27-Nov	Taipei, Taiwan	Chinese Taipei	Australia	0-2		

1970

Friendship Cup													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. April 1970,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam							95F		30000	
Kowloon Bus Company (Hong Kong)..2 v. Australia..6													
half time, Kowloon Bus Company..0 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Ronald "Ron" Corry				63
								RB	Dennis Yaager				
								LB	Manfred Schaefer				
								RH	Peter Wilson				
								CH	John Perin				
								LH	James "Jim" Mackay				
								OR	John Warren				
		Lo Shung Kung	64(pk)					IR	Gary Manuel				X*
		Ng Yu Yan	74					CF	Adrian Alston	29, 36, 38			
								IL	Danny McKinnon	23, 51			X**
								OL	William "Bill" Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
								GK	John "Jack" Reilly				63
									Gary Quested				X*
									James "Jim" Armstrong	89			X**
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlatsis				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic (Australia)					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Jim Mackay is also shown as Jim McKay.

match report from Soccer News, Volume 8, Number 17, 30/4/1970, page 1

Four goal Adrian Alston steered Australia to victory in the Friendship Cup tournament, in Saigon, South Vietnam, at the weekend.

Centre-forward Alston scored a hat-trick in Australia's 6-2 demolition of Hong Kong side Kowloon, and was again on target the following day when he notched the only goal in a hard fought win over South Vietnam.

After Alston had scored in the 42nd minute, the Saigon crowd of 35,000 spilled on to the field as South Vietnam came close to equalising twice, but first Ron Corry and then Sandy Irvine saved Australia.

South Vietnam used five defenders and only one midfield player for most of the game, severely restricting the Australian forwards.

Against Kowloon, Australia led 4-0 at half-time and coasted through the second half in 95-degree heat.

Beside Alston's hat-trick, Australia's other scorers were Danny McKinnon and Jim Armstrong.

match report from The Sun-Herald, 26/4/1970, page 83

Australia today (*Saturday*) scored a convincing 6-2 win against Kowloon (Hong Kong) in their first match here in the Friendship Soccer Cup tournament.

Kowloon and the home side, South Vietnam, played a 1-1 draw in the first game of the tournament on Thursday. Australia play South Vietnam tomorrow afternoon.

Adrian Alston was the outstanding forward, scoring his first hat-trick for Australia.

After leading four goals to nil at half-time, the Australians, playing with four new internationals, wilted in the hot conditions to allow the Hong Kong side in for two goals.

The clear-cut victory earned Australia the lead in the three-nation tournament.

Before a crowd of 30,000 people, Australia, with skipper Johnny Warren and his mid-field partner, Jim McKay, gradually took control and a succession of shots by left winger Billy Vojtek, Alston and McKay kept the Hong Kong goalkeeper working overtime.

Australia scored their first goal in the 23rd minute when Warren crossed to Alston who headed the ball against the crossbar for Danny McKinnon to jump in and head the goal home.

McKinnon just missed another chance from 20 yards out when his shot sailed over the goal.

Six minutes later Warren, now completely controlling the mid-field, crossed to Alston who headed into the net for a 2-0 Australian lead. Alston, who was moving freely in the Australian forward line, then scored from a free-kick 25 yards out.

A minute later he snapped up a pass from Vojtek and scored again for his first hat-trick for Australia.

Minutes before the interval, McKinnon kicked a hard dipping shot which the Kowloon goalkeeper just pushed out.

In the second half, the Australians slowed noticeably in the heat. Striker McKinnon scored his second goal within six *minutes* of play when he headed in a corner kick from Alston.

Kowloon scored their first goal through a penalty beating young goalkeeper Jack Reilly who, seconds before, had come on to replace Ron Corry.

Ten minutes later Kowloon scored again off a free-kick from eight yards out but a goal by Jim Armstrong, who had replaced McKinnon in the last minute of play, gave Australia a clear victory.

AUSTRALIA 6 (Alston 3, McKinnon 2, Armstrong 1) beat KOWLOON 2 (Lo Shung Kung 1, Ng Yu Yan 1)

Friendship Cup													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
26th. April 1970,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam									35000	
South Vietnamese Army..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, South Vietnamese Army..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Ronald "Ron" Corry				
								RB	Dennis Yaager				
								LB	Manfred Schaefer				
								RH	Peter Wilson				X
								CH	John Perin				
								LH	John Warren				
								OR	James "Jim" Mackay				
								IR	Gary Qusted				
								CF	Adrian Alston	42			
								IL	Danny McKinnon				
								OL	William "Bill" Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Sandy Irvine				X
								GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
									James "Jim" Armstrong				
									Gary Manuel				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlatsis				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Canberra Times, 27/4/1970, page 14 by AAP

A tired Australian soccer side, out[layed in the first 40 minutes, snatched a goal in the final stages of the first half of their Friendship Cup match against South Vietnam in Saigon today to win 1-0.

Sydney player Adrian Alston hammered the goal into the net in the 42nd minute. Alston, who had been playing very quietly, picked up a pass from Danny McKinnon, ran past a Vietnamese defender and scored.

Seconds later Australia missed a chance of a second goal when right winger Gary Qusted crossed the ball low to opposite winger Billy Vojtek who missed the ball completely. The ball ran on to midfield player

Jim McKay who kicked from 10 yards out high over the crossbar.

The fresh South Vietnamese team was faster to the ball in a sluggish opening by the Australians.

Australia was penalised many times and appeared unable to handle the closer teamwork and tighter defence of the home side. After a bad cross by Qusted, Vietnamese defenders took the ball down quickly but their striker missed an easy shot.

Strong defence by Manfred Schaefer and John Warren saved the side when the South Vietnamese looked dangerous. A quick break by the home side ripped through the Australian defence but goalkeeper Ron Corry saved with his foot. On the rebound a Vietnamese forward had another shot for an open goal but kicked high.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 27/4/1970, page 19

Australia won the Friendship Cup Soccer tournament here today (Sunday) with a 1-0 victory over South Vietnam.

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Kowloon, the third competing team, were beaten 6-2 by Australia yesterday and drew 1-1 with South Vietnam on Thursday.

Australia were penalised many times today and appeared unable to handle the closer teamwork and tighter defence of the home side.

After a bad cross by Gary Qusted, Vietnamese defenders took the ball down quickly but their striker missed an easy shot.

Australia were not getting rid of the ball fast enough.

Strong defence by Manfred Schaefer and John Warren saved the side when the South Vietnamese looked dangerous.

A quick break by the home side ripped through the Australian defence, but goalkeeper Ron Corry saved with his foot. On the rebound a Vietnamese forward had another shot for an open goal but kicked high.

The Vietnamese forwards were swarming all over the slower Australian defenders, but their shooting was astray. Vietnam had their third shot in 70 seconds, but the ball slid to the right of the goal.

Corry saved again in the 36th minute as Vietnam continued to pressure the Australian defence.

The Australian line-up was Ron Corry, Dennis Yaager, Manfred Schaefer, Peter Wilson, John Perin, John Warren, Jim McKay, Gary Qusted, Adrian Alston, Danny McKinnon, Billy Vojtek,

Sustitutes:- Jack Reilly, Sandy Irvine, Jim Armstrong, Gary Manuel.

match report from The Age, 27/4/1970, page 19

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The crowd of 35,000, which spilled over the fences on to the edge of the field, grew frantic when Vietnam almost scored with two fast breaks in the second half.

A fine save by Corry stopped the first chance.

Then Sandy Irvine, who replaced Peter Wilson midway through the second half, tripped a South Vietnamese forward heading towards the goal with only Corry in front.

From the free kick the ball went high over the crossbar.

Vietnam used five defenders and only one midfield player for most of the game, severely restricting the Australian forwards.

Steady play by team veterans, skipper Johnny Warren and vice-captain Schaefer, together with Corry, saved Australia.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. April 1970,			Lake Monger Velodrome, Mount Hawthorn, Perth, Western Australia										
Western Australia..2 v. Australia..6													
half time, Western Australia..1 v. Australia..3													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Mitchell						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				46
	RB	Richard Kuzimski						RB	Dennis Yaager				
	LB	Alan Cooney						LB	John Perin				
	RH	Roger Dale						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Paul Leber						CH	Peter Wilson				X
	LH	Tom Carruthers						LH	James "Jim" Mackay				
	OR	Alan Pendleton						OR	Gary Qusted	X			
	IR	Brian Newell						IR	James "Jim" Armstrong	X			X*
	CF	Peter Holt						CF	John Warren	X			
	IL	John van Oosten	10					IL	Adrian Alston	X			X**
	OL	Dave O'Callaghan	X					OL	William "Bill" Vojtek	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Eric Edmonds						GK	Ronald "Ron" Corry				46
		Hugh Miller							Sandy Irvine				X
		Archie van Dongen							Gary Manuel	X			X*
		Alf Debono							Danny McKinnon				X**
		Bruno Marocchi											
Team Coach						Team Coach							
Team Manager						Team Trainer							
Referee						Team Manager							
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Australia 6 (Alston, Armstrong, Vojtek, Warren, Manuel, Qusted) beat W.A. 2 (Van Oosten, O'Callaghan).

The on-again, off-again temperament of W.A.'s displays was once again shown to disastrous effect and this time against the national side, who had just finished a tour in Asia, winning the Friendship Cup in South Vietnam. This was an important match for W.A. players if they wanted to press their claims for a chance in the Australian sides of the future. But from the start it appeared that W.A. was not interested in national selection or the match. Back came their inferiority complex and Australia strolled through the match.

When Van Oosten rose high to nod home a corner from Peter Holt in the 10th minute to equalise, after Adrian Alston had opened the scoring one would have been excused for thinking that W.A. was now ready for the match of their lives. But W.A. looked inept in midfield and hopeless in attack. For Australia the match became a formality, though in the second-half substitute Alfred Debono forced Manfred Schaeffer to back away from him with his kick with the ball. The match was 3-1 at half-time and though winger Dave a.Callaghan scored against the run of play in the second half Australia piled on another three and if the truth were known a few more could have gilded the lily.

TEAM: Mitchell, Kusimski, Alan Cooney, Roger Dale, Paul Leber, Carruthers, Alan Pendleton, Brian Newell, Holt, Van Oosten, O'Callaghan. RESERVES: Eric Edmonds, Hugh Miller, Van Dongen, Debono, Marocchi.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. October 1970,			Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, South Australia										
South Australia..0 v. Australia..0													
half time, South Australia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Wally Fedczyszyn							All players in the squad list played				
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach		Edmund Kreft					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

South Australia also had Milan Mihailovic, Terry Wetton and Todd Clarke listed as possible starters.

The Australian Squad consisted of the following players:-

Goalkeepers - Jack Reilly (Juventus, Melbourne), Roger Romanowicz (Polonia, Adelaide).

Defenders - Manfred Schaefer (St.George-Budapest, Sydney), Peter Wilson (South Coast United), Sandy Irvine (Juventus, Melbourne), Dennis Yaager (Hakoah, Sydney), John Roche (Marconi, Sydney),

Harry Williams (St.George-Budapest, Sydney).

Midfield - Jim Mackay (Croatia, Melbourne), John Warren (St.George-Budapest, Sydney), Billy Vojtec (Croatia, Melbourne), John Perin (Juventus, Adelaide)

Forwards - John Doyle (South Sydney), George Blues (APIA, Sydney), Mike Denton (St.George-Budapest, Sydney), Adrian Alston (St.George-Budapest, Sydney), David Keddie (Hakoah, Sydney).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. October 1970,			Stade de Magenta, Noumea, New Caledonia									2400	
New Caledonia..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, New Caledonia..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Michel Clarque					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Simon Kécine					17	RB	Colin "Col" Curran				
	LB	Simon Béaruné					3	LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Roger dit Bao Mandin					2	RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Christophe Oirémoin					5	CH	Dennis Yaager				
	LH	Gerard Delmas (c)					8	LH	John Warren (c)	15			
	OR	Tito Tikouré				X	12	OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards	60			
	IR	Kopal Ausu					7	IR	James "Jim" Mackay				
	CF	Félix dit Bolo Wakanumuné					9	CF	George Blues				80
	IL	Utime					11	IL	Adrian Alston				17
	OL	Antoine Poithily	5				13	OL	William "Bill" Vojtek	70			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Kaouma Hoko				X	6		John Doyle				80
							10		Michael "Mike" Denton				17
Team Coach		Guy Elmour					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		André Nakagawa					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman		Roger Bataille											
Linesman													

Roger dit Bao Mandin is also shown as Mendin. Christophe Oirémoin is also shown as Ouaremoin.

match report from Soccer World, 30/10/1970, Volume 13, Number 41, page 3 by Lou Gautier

Australia's first match of the tour opened disastrously with a shock fifth minute goal by New Caledonian left winger Antoine Poithily which was quickly followed by the first injury of the tour when Adrian Alston, suffering from a pulled ligament, had to be replaced by St.George-Budapest team-mate, Mike Denton.

It was a controversial goal as linesman Roger Bataille had his flag up when the move initiated some 40 yards from the Australian goal, but referee Nakagawa allowed play to continue and in the resulting confusion in the Australian ranks a pass by Blues to Curran was intercepted by Poithily, who skilfully evaded Wilson before slamming a hard shot past 'keeper Jack Reilly.

A minute later dreadful bad luck prevented Australia from equalising when Adrian Alston hit the post with a cannon-like 10-yard drive.

Alston's near-feat probably also put paid to his hopes of appearing in Australia's colors until at least Iran as two opponents fell on him in the process.

Ten minutes later a limping Alston had to be called off the field.

Undaunted by these setbacks the Australians showed that this team will be no exception from our national sides of recent years and that the famed spirit forged in the 1967 battles of Saigon is still unchanged despite the many new faces.

They came back fighting and after an understandably initial 15 to 20-minute period of shakiness, especially in defence, were in complete control thereafter.

Australia's showing under the circumstances was impressive.

The time between the team's arrival at the hotel and the kick-off was less than three hours!

Johnny Warren and Jim McKay were Australia's first half heroes, the Aussie skipper scoring that all-important equaliser in the 15th minute with a delicate angled shot from near the right corner flag.

Warren was seen at his best, playing the game that suits him to the hilt; bursting through from the midfield, shaking off one tackle after the other, laying on gilt-edged passes and shooting whenever given the slightest opportunity.

McKay, the slender Melbourne Croatia star, was the midfield "lung" of the team, but in a more defensive role than Warren.

If he confirms the form shown in the opening match, he should emerge as one of the stars of the tour and one of the big names of Australian soccer for some years to come.

McKay, however, suffered an injury right on fulltime and appears unlikely to play in the next couple of matches.

It would, however, be unfair to single out any player unduly as this was a typical Australian team effort at its best.

The proof of this can be found in the manner in which the two second half goals were scored.

The first of these, which gave Australia the 2-1 lead, should have been secured much earlier, such was our territorial, technical and tactical superiority.

It started with Wilson punting the ball upfield 50 yards.

While Denton intelligently hampered the goalie by blocking his view - quite legally, may I add - Ray Richards backheaded the ball into the net.

Ten minutes later, the best move of the match - a dazzling bit of football which even had the Noumeans applauding - brought up Australia's third goal.

A long, accurate hand clearance by goalie Reilly found McKay, who sent the nippy Denton racing down the middle.

Before any of the New Caledonian defenders, all of whom dwarfed the little striker, could lay a hand on him, he laid on a deft pass for Vojtek, whose speed and dribbling brought the crowd to its feet and the New Caledonian goalie bent into his net to retrieve the ball.

This goal was the highlight of the match together with Alston's near-miss before his injury.

In the 80th minute George Blues, who had a good second half after a subdued first period, was replaced by John Doyle, who almost scored within seconds when he carried the ball along the goalline and just narrowly missed dribbling past the goalkeeper.

Apart from Warren and McKay, whom I have already mentioned, goalkeeper Jack Reilly impressed me most.

I understand now why Victorians rate him Australia's best.

He is the true boss of his defence, and has no inhibitions in letting his team-mates know it quite vocally.

The best goalkeeper we've had since Ron Lord I would say if his display in this match was indicative of his usual form.

Col Curran and Ray Richards, whose selections were questioned in certain quarters, came through with flying colours and may be hard to displace.

Both were dominant figures in the second half, as was Billy Vojtek, who fought tigerishly for every ball after a somewhat passive first half.

Peter Wilson may yet turn out to be the sweeper coach Rasic is seeking.

Tentative in the early stages, he was a tower of strength as the match progressed, oozed confidence and his mane of blond hair spread terror among the New Caledonian forwards.

Last, but not least, Dennis Yaager and Manfred Schaefer, with the former perhaps the better of this defensive pair on the day, Schaefer not having taken kindly to the long hours of travelling.

To conclude, a few words on the New Caledonians.

They are still as unpolished as they appeared in NSW last year despite a couple of new better class players with some skill like Ouaremain, Mendin and Utine, but at home they are definitely a different proposition because they know every inch of the bumpy pitch at the Stade de Magenta.

Australia: Reilly, Curran, Wilson, Schaefer, Yaager, Warren, Richards, McKay, Blues (replaced by Doyle 80 min), Alston (replaced by Denton 17 min.), Vojtek.

New Caledonia: Clarque, Kecine, Bearune, Mendine, Ouaremain, Delmas, Tikoure (Hoko), Kopal, Bolo, Utine, Poithily.

Scorers: Warren 15 min., Richards 60 min., Vojtek 70 min. for Australia; Poithily 5 min. for New Caledonia.

Referee: Andre Nakagawa.

Crowd: 2,400

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. October 1970,			Stade de Magenta, Noumea, New Caledonia									2290	
New Caledonia..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, New Caledonia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Richard Gaya Gurrera					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Simon Kécine					14	RB	John Roche				
	LB	Simon Béaruné					3	LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Roger dit Bao Mandin					2	RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Chistophe Oirémoin				X	5	CH	Dennis Yaager				
	LH	Gerard Delmas (c)					8	LH	John Warren				
	OR	Tito Tikouré					12	OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	IR	Kopal Ausu					16	IR	John Perin				46
	CF	Félix dit Bolo Wakanumuné					9	CF	George Blues				
	IL	Utine					10	IL	Michael "Mike" Denton				
	OL	Antoine Poithily					13	OL	William "Bill" Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Etienne dit Pothin Kombouaré				X	6		John Doyle	73			46
Team Coach		Guy Elmour					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		Roger Bataille					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Richard Gaya Gurrera, is also shown as Guerera, Gurera and Guerrera. Roger dit Bao Mandin is also shown as Roger Mendin. Chistophe Oirémoin is also shown as Ouaremoin.

match report from Soccer World, 30/10/1970, Volume 13, Number 41, page 3 by Lou Gautier

An improved New Caledonian team - and some incomprehensible refereeing by Jean Bataille, the only white New Caledonian on the field with goalkeeper Richard Guerera - made it tough for Australia to come away with a 100 percent record.

Our lone goal had to wait until the 70th minute when John Doyle, who had come on as a substitute for John Perin at halftime, rose high above a goalmouth scrimmage to head home a perfectly judged centre by youthful fullback John Roche, who celebrated his first Australian appearance with an excellent display.

Roche earlier had been the centre of a controversial incident when hit on the side of the neck by a karate chop by New Caledonian skipper Gerard Delmas.

The referee sent Delmas off, but reversed his decision after New Caledonian coach Guy Elmour rushed on to the pitch to remonstrate with him.

Throughout most of the game Bataille's decisions were puzzling, to say the least, but it would be unfair to blame him completely for Australia's narrow winning margin.

The truth is that the Australians, surprisingly, didn't play as well as on Friday night despite the difficult conditions which had surrounded their opening match of the tour.

The team didn't quite follow the instructions of coach Rasic who, after seeing the rough state of the ground in the first match, told the players in a pre-match conference on Sunday morning to forget about short-passing football.

He told them that dribbling was definitely out and that the ball should not be kept along the ground because of the uneven bounces.

Instead, he firmly instructed the boys to use long, high balls so that the mainly tall players in the party could use their height.

This tactic only worked to our advantage once - when it really mattered, though - as this is how Doyle scored the winning goal.

Incidentally, it is significant to note that of the four goals scored in Noumea only one, Vojtek's last Friday, was scored by a striker.

For all of New Caledonia's improvement, however, Australia were still in control for most of the match and Reilly only had two shots to save, while his counterpart Guerera, a much better goalkeeper than Clarque, who played last Friday night, brought off many fine saves.

Australia had many near misses, especially Billy Vojtek, whom I haven't seen so sharp and keen for some time, who hit the woodwork twice at the conclusion of dazzling runs, which he alone seems to have the secret.

The elusive Croatia-Melbourne winger has played better than APIA's George Blues, the right winger, on the Noumea section of the tour, form winger in 1970.
With sweeper Peter Wilson emerging as Australia's key defender, our defence was seldom in trouble again, even though the locals' approach work was better than on Friday.
In my book, Peter Wilson was Australia's number one, closely followed by Mike Denton, whose capacity for work and lion-hearted foraging for the smallest half-chances gained the admiration of his team-mates, on the field and on the bench alike, as well as John Roche and John Warren, who were hard to separate.
The only jarring note of Sunday's match was Ray Richards' recurring leg injury, which is certain to put him out of action for two weeks.
Richards, Curran, Alston and McKay are the casualties so far on tour - too high a percentage in view of the arduous job ahead.
Australia: Reilly, Roche, Wilson, Schaefer, Yaager, Warren, Richards, Perin (Doyle), Blues, Denton, Vojtek.
New Caledonia: Gurera, Kecine, Bearune, Mendin, Ouoremoin (Pothin), Delmas, Tikoure, Kopal, Bolo, Utine, Poithily.
Scorer: Doyle 70 min.
Referee: Jean Bataille.
Crowd: 2,290.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 26/10/1970, page 15 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19701026&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>
The touring Australian Soccer team scored a one-nil victory over a determined New Caledonia side on this Pacific Island today.
The match at Magenta Stadium was a rough-up affair, with the winning goal coming in the 28th minute of the second half when John Doyle headed the ball from John Roche high into the net.
In the first half Roche had been flattened by a blow to the side of the neck during one of the many hard physical clashes that kept referee Roger Batille's whistle blowing.
Roche, who had been lethargic early, was spurred on by the incident and played a great second half.
New Caledonia players, urged on by a fiercely partisan crowd of nearly 2,500, tried to bump, push and muscle the Australian side off their game.

Jardines (also known as Jardine SA) is a Hong Kong football club which is now only an associate member of the HKFA and does not take part in any division of the league. Jardines has quit and re-entered the league twice in 1950's and 1970's.

The team first entered Hong Kong League (Third Division) in 1953 and appeared in the First Division, for the first time in the 1957–58 season. However, the team quit the league after this season.

In 1960–61, the they re-entered the Third Division. It achieved runner-up in the Hong Kong League Second Division in 1964–65, but it gave up the right of promotion.

In 1967–68, the club was promoted to First Division League again, after winning the Second Division.

In 1968, the HKFA introduced professional football. Jardines formed a strong team to compete in the league. In 1968–69, it obtained its first major trophy, the Hong Kong Senior Challenge Shield.

In the following season, the club captured four trophies including the league championship. The club was recognised by many to be the first professional football giant in Hong Kong. However, the club quit the league for the second time in 1971.

They re-entered again in 1972–73 season and competed in the Third Division. It made its last appearance in 1974–75 season, when it got an automatic relegation after finishing in second last position.

The club quit the league and became an associate member in 1982.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
28th. October 1970,			Government Stadium, Hong Kong				Good					16980	
Jardines (Hong Kong)..0 v. Australia..3													
half time, Jardines..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Chow Chee-Keung						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Wong Chun-Lit						RB	John Roche				80
	LB	Lok Tak-Fai						LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Kung Wah-Kit						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Cheung Yun-Yue						CH	Dennis Yaager				
	LH	Ip Sheung-Wah						LH	James "Jim" Mackay				
	OR	Chan Hung-Ping						OR	John Warren (c)				
	IR	Cheng Kwok-Kun						IR	George Blues	81			
	CF	Cheung Chi-Doy						CF	Michael "Mike" Denton				
	IL	Cheung Yiu-Kwok						IL	Adrian Alston				30
	OL	Lo Hung-Hoi						OL	William "Bill" Vojtek	18, 61			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Harry Williams				80
									Raymond "Ray" Richards				30
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		Lee Kan-Chee					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Ip Sheung-wah is shown as Ip Fuk-kwong by Soccer World

match report from Soccer World, Volume 13, Number 42, 6/11/1970, page 1 and 4 by Lou Gautier

Australia never ever looked like losing their match against Jardine, the local professional outfit which included four Nationalist Chinese, three Hong Kong and one Malaysian internationals in their line-up.

The 3-0 scoreline in Australia's favor flattered the Chinese who offered shabby opposition and were clearly not in the same class despite a few talented, trick ball players.

The lush, green pitch of the Government Stadium just had to bring the best out of the Aussies, and straight from the kick-off it was obvious they were relishing the billard table-like quality of the turf.

Coach Rasic was taking no chances and fielded what so far is tantamount to Australia's strongest line-up.

Australia went straight into the attack and forced a corner in the second minute when Alston burst through the centre.

Combining beautifully, the Australian forwards were keeping the local goalkeeper on tenterhooks in the opening minutes when the ball was constantly in Jardine's half of the field.

Jardine, however, forced a corner in the 7th minute but Schaefer cleared.

The burly St. George defender again rescued Australia a minute later when he saved an almost certain goal after Reilly had misjudged a centre from Lo Hung Hoi.

The Aussies, however, quickly regained their composure and were in complete control for the next 10 minutes with Alston, McKay and Vojtek, twice, grazing the posts with shots at goal - all at the conclusion of clever lead-up work.

Even a tremendous 25 yard pile-driver by Cheung Yiu Kwok which rebounded from the junction of the woodwork didn't upset our efficient defence despite the deafening roar of the crowd urging their players on.

In the 18th minute Australia's superiority was translated on the scoreboard after Denton had worked the ball up the left wing, passed to Vojtek, whose angled swerving shot landed between the goalie and the left post.

Soon after, Australia had a great chance to go to a 2-0 lead when Alston hit the post with a 10-yard drive which left the goalie standing.

Cheng Kwok Kun, left unmarked by Yaager, only missed Reilly's goal by a foot and just on halftime Kung Wah Kit, the star of the Jardine midfield, tested the rangy Victorian 'keeper with a well directed long shot.

The first minutes of the second half were also favorable to the Chinese, who realised it was now or never to get back into the game.

Their forwards darted down the wings and created some problems to the Australian defenders but when Australia scored a brilliant goal from a counter-attack in the 61st minute the match was all over.

The goal was a gem, a true world-class effort, involving five Australians without an opponent laying a hand on them.

Starting in the Australian half of the field with three deft passes, the move reached its climax when fullback Roche raced in the opening on the right wing and sent a perfect cross over.

Vojtek didn't lose his cool despite the sea of blue Jardine jerseys around him and pushed the ball in for his second goal.

If play was somewhat scrappy in the last 20 minutes it was because the Australians encountered no opposition.

They had the ball to themselves as they moved it about in gay, carefree fashion, driving their frustrated opponents crazy chasing shadows under the floodlights.

Nine minutes from the end those supporters sporting enough to stay on despite their local idols' humiliation were rewarded with another great Australian goal about which millions of words would have been written all over the globe had it been scored in a World Cup series.

Mike Denton tore the Jardine defence to pieces when he, somehow, managed to evade five tacklers and emerged from what looked like a rugby scrum with the ball at his feet.

His shot hit the left post and George Blues was on the spot to score from the rebound.

Despite Australia's easy win, play at times was hard and many fouls were committed on both sides.

One player who was lucky to escape an early shower was Cheung Yiu Kwok, the Jardine forward, for swinging his boot at Blues after being warned for an equally blatant foul minutes earlier.

The crowd gave Schaefer a "roasting" throughout the match for what it thought was excessive robust play, but there was nothing illegal about his tackles despite the repeated freekicks awarded against him.

Rasic's player awards for the match went to Roche, Schaefer and Vojtek and Denton (jointly on one point), but Wilson, and especially McKay weren't far behind.

Goalkeeper Reilly had little to do, but apart from one mistake early in the match, was safe as a rock and unbeatable on high balls.

Roche, emerging as one of the exciting stars of the tour, played a big match.

Like a true modern fullback his overlapping was brilliant and he was also always on hand to stem off any attacks at the back where the impressive Wilson is playing so well that Alan Marnoch has probably lost his place in the national team.

McKay again showed class in everything he did and covered miles in the 90 minutes.

Up front Vojtek confirmed his brilliant form and had the crowd in an uproar whenever he displayed his repertoire of dribbling artistry.

But what really makes this a different Vojtek is his willingness to drop back to help his defence whenever the opposition is on the attack.

The same applies to George Blues, who although he didn't enjoy the same luck as his co-winger, also played his part in our win by forcing two or three opponents to chase him whenever he sped down the wing, leaving the other forwards unmarked.

Mike Denton, playing at the peak of his form, is for many the revelation of the tour so far.

It's Denton the goalmaker we are seeing on this tour; his openings, with the head, chest and instep are sending defenders the other way, and his capacity for punishment has won the admiration of the entire Australian camp.

Ray Richards had an outstanding match when he replaced Alston.

Forceful and resourceful, the Marconi player is another one who has more than justified the selection which at the time caused a few raised eyebrows - and his speedy recovery from a pretty serious injury in New Caledonia is also quite remarkable.

John Warren did not have a good match.

The Australian captain was slightly off-color during the 36 hours preceding the game and did not fill his usual commanding role.

Dennis Yaager, too, had played much better, but he may have had some excuse as he was "sandwiched", so to speak, between the best two Hong Kong forwards.

Jardine: Chow Chee Keung, Wong Chun Lit, Lok Tak Fai, Kung Wah Kit, Cheng Yun Yue, Ip Fuk Kwong, Chan Hung Ping, Cheng Kwok Kun, Cheng Chi Doy, Cheung Yiu Kwok, Lo Hung Hoi.

Australia: Reilly, Roche (replaced by Williams 80 min.), Wilson, Schaefer, McKay, Yaager, Warren, Blues, Denton, Alston (replaced by Richards 30 min.), Vojtek.

Scorers: Vojtek 18 and 61 mins., Blues 81 min.

Referee: Lee Kan Chee.

Crowd: 17,000.

match report from the South China Morning Post, 29/10/1970

In a game of precious little character and many undertones, Australia last night beat Jardines by three goals to nil before a crowd of 17,000 at the Hongkong Stadium.

As a football match it hardly earned the space the final score will get in the official record books and at times it was as unsavoury as it was crude and physical.

Australia deserved to win as should about any side set to overcome the poor, often shabby opposition offered by Jardines. The visitors' main asset was strength and they were never reluctant to use it. In fact several of their players seemed dedicated to this purpose.

However, taken over the piece they were perhaps justified in thinking there was as much manly honour in this sort of thing as in the more subversive tactics frequently resorted to by the local boys.

Cheung Yiu-kwok was fortunate indeed that he did not receive the marching orders he deserved for a deplorable swing of his boot at Blues. He had been warned immediately before this incident for an equally irresponsible act involving the same player but leniency which was not justified saw the referee give him no more than a fierce scowl and a few words in the ear.

But Cheung was not the only offender in the game and one lost count of the number of free-kicks awarded against Schaefer while McKay and Alston - who was withdrawn after a stern first half warning - were other muscle men.

There was plenty of endeavour and hard running among the fleetfooted Australians and they certainly deserve marks for effort even if there was little class or skill in the side.

Roche, Yaager, Denton and the enterprising Vojtek were the most attractive performers. Little was seen of Warren or Wilson and Richards, who replaced Alston, looked the most capable footballer of the lot.

It was a sorry night for Jardines and their performance had much in common with the one they gave against Club on Saturday.

Their all-star attack on which their fame was built has nowadays vanished almost completely and the biggest names are now the biggest disappointments. Little Lo Hung-hoi is not half the player he was with Tung Sing last season and, of course, Kung Wah-kit, around whom the defence was built, has lost his firm decision in the tackle and his speed on the turn.

Others are being caught in the slide and the team management will have to do some urgent repair work or the League championship is as far away as Munich is to the Australians.

There was little between the teams in the opening stages but when Reilly failed to get to a high cross ball in the 10th minute Cheng Kwok-kun had two shots charged down before the danger was cleared . . . and then immediately afterwards Cheung Yiu-kwok beat the goalkeeper only to see the ball rebound from the junction of the post and bar.

A needless foul by Wong Chun-lit led to Australia's first goal. He fouled Vojtek near the centre flag and was out of position when the freekick reached the Yugoslavian winger who dribbled neatly round two defenders before sidefooting the ball into the net.

The only other first half incident of note was a snapshot by Cheng Kwok-kun which flew just wide of the goal with Reilly in difficulties.

The second half was often a bitter, feuding affair which did credit to no one. Denton put Australia two-up when a clever dummy fooled the Jardines defence and left him with a clear shot at the target. And with the spectators already leaving the stadium, Blues made it 3-0 after Denton had split the defence only to see his finishing shot rebound from the post.

Cheung Yiu-kwok had a forlorn try for Jardines but his snapshot swept wide of the post . . . and the final whistle was heard by less than half the fans who had paid \$40,000 to see the play.

AUSTRALIA: Reilly; Roche, Wilson, Schaefer, Yaager; Warren, McKay; Blues, Denton, Alston (Richards), Vojtek.

JARDINES: Chow Chee-keung; Wong Chun-lit, Lok Tak-fai, Kung Wah-kit, Cheng Yun-yue, Ip Sheung-wah; Chan Hung-ping, Cheng Kwok-kun, Cheng Chi-doy, Cheung Yiu-kwok, Lo Hung-hoi.

REFEREE: Mr. Lee Kan-chee

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. October 1970, 16.00			Canidrome, Nossa Senhora de Fátima, Macao									4000	
Macao..0 v. Australia..9													
half time, Macao..0 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
							GK	John "Jack" Reilly					X
							RB	Dennis Yaager					X*
							LB	Peter Wilson					
							RH	Manfred Schaefer					
							CH	Harry Williams					
							LH	John Warren	15, X				
							OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					X**
							IR	James "Jim" Mackay					X***
							CF	George Blues	X				X****
							IL	Michael "Mike" Denton	X, X, X				
							OL	William "Bill" Vojtek					
SUBSTITUTES													
							GK	Roger Romanowicz					X
								Sandy Irvine	X				X*
								John Doyle					X**
								John Perin					X***
								David Keddie	X, 89				X****
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Referee							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Linesman							Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													

note:- Since 1999, when sovereignty was transferred from the Portuguese, the region is also known as Macau.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 13, Number 42, 6/11/1970, page 1 by Lou Gautier
The touring Australian Soccer team today defeated Macao 9-0 and earned a late night out.
Australia led 4-0 at half-time.
During the interval, coach Zvonimir Rasic told the players that if they scored nine goals he would let them stay out until 2 a.m.
They just made it.
David Keddie scored the last goal 30 seconds before the final whistle.
The match was easy and Australia raced to a 3-0 lead in the first 15 minutes.
Mike Denton scored two goals in the first 10 minutes and Billy Vojtek was unlucky not to score two as well.
After 12 minutes, a long shot from Vojtek hit the corner of the goal, but rebounded into play.
But Vojtek set up another goal when his next shot was just tipped over the bar.
From the corner, Australian captain Johnny Warren scored a fine goal.
The Australians took the chance to allow some players, who have not had a match earlier in the tour, to have a run.
Two of them, David Keddie and Sandy Irvine, showed good form.
AUSTRALIA 9 (Denton 3, Warren 2, Keddie 2, Blues, Irvine) d. MACAU 0.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 13, Number 42, 6/11/1970, page 1
Meeting only token opposition, Australia brushed aside Macao and scored almost at will.
Despite the modest standard of opposition, Australia's display was impressive.
Many local Portuguese officials were astounded at Australia's prowess.
Denton started the avalanche with two quick goals in the first 10 minutes, then Warren made it 3-0 five minutes later.
In the second half the game became totally one-sided with the Aussies bringing in reserves Keddie and Irvine.
Towards the end it was a race to reach the target of 9-0, which coach Rasic had earlier stipulated as his "minimum requirement" for granting the players a curfew extension.
Keddie became the hero of his mates when, with 20 seconds to go, he netted the last goal and earned them all a night out in this gambling-mad casino city.
The players were permitted to stay out until 2 a.m. but some struggled home two hours later, receiving a severe warning from Rasic.
Scorers: Denton 3, Warren 2, Keddie 2, Blues and Irvine.

match report from the South China Morning Post, 31/10/1970

The Australian National soccer team today trounced the Macao XI by nine goals to nil.

The Australians led 4-0 at half-time.

The local players helped the Australians by scoring two "own goals."

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士德（右）及布魯士（左）

汽機



豬腊出擊港員
市政進攻內衣

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Oghab Tehran Football Club (nickname The Eagles) was founded in 1946 and is owned by the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
2nd. November 1970,			Tehran, Iran									17000		
Oghab Tehran F.C.(Iran)..0 v. Australia..0														
half time, Oghab..0 v. Australia..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Malechi						GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Mirhadi						RB	John Roche					
	LB	Solkonan						LB	Peter Wilson					
	RH	Rahimi						RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Mostafa Arab						CH	Dennis Yaager					
	LH	Nayerlou						LH	John Warren					
	OR	Hamid Aminikhah						OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					
	IR	Fariborz Esmaili						IR	James "Jim" Mackay					
	CF	Guderzi						CF	William "Bill" Vojtek					
	IL	Gholam Vafakha						IL	Michael "Mike" Denton					
	OL	Akbar Eftekhari				X		OL	Adrian Alston				55	
SUBSTITUTES														
		Javid Jahangiri				X			John Doyle				55	
Team Coach							Team Coach						Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic	
							Assist. Team Coach						Les Scheinflug	
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager						Frank Parsons	
Referee							Joint Team Manager						Ian Brusasco	
Linesman														
Linesman														

Oghab had at least two players from the Taj team. Some reports had Oghab FC as Oghab Eagles Air Force (note that oghab means "eagle" in farsi) Soccer World reports that Oghab was actually the Iranian 'B' national team.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 13, Number 42, 6/11/1970, page 1 by Lou Gautier

After all the lengthy and often unseemly debate over our opponents, the first match here duly took place and ended in a 0-0 draw with Oghab, the local Air Force club.

The luckless, motherless and bootless Aussies had everything against them: Warren, Denton, Schaefer and McKay had to play in borrowed gear as their luggage was still somewhere between Amsterdam and Tehran.

Then the referee - Allah have mercy on his black soul . . .

Jafar Namdar seemed determined to outnice Mr. Nice, who last year in Seoul robbed Australia blind.

Namdar disallowed a goal by Vojtek ruling McKay offside though the Victorian wasn't even near the action, then refused a clear penalty when Warren was upended well inside the box.

The ground was a grassless dustbowl, more like an ice rink than a soccer field.

Fielding five internationals, Oghab - meaning Eagles - were all over Australia in the first half and our first tour defeat seemed at hand.

However, a Wilson-led defence weathered the storm successfully.

In the second half Rasic ordered his players to tackle harder and ignore the referee's peculiar rulings.

Most of the second half Australia was on the attack and Reilly didn't have one real shot to save.

Actually, we should have won 2-0, had the refereeing resembled anything even remotely fair.

However, the match served as a warning: the days of dwarf-like opponents are over.

The tall Iranians ruled the roost in the air and only Alston managed occasionally to get on even terms with them.

The second half display of Australia was encouraging, in the eerie, unpleasant conditions.

Apart from Wilson, easily the best man of the team, Roche, Schaefer, Warren and Richards were our best players.

Blues couldn't take the field because of a corked muscle.

Alston had a poor day while Denton seemed lost in the grip of the tall Iranian defenders.

Australia: Reilly, Roche, Wilson, Schaefer, Yaager, Warren, Richards, McKay, Vojtek, Denton, Alston (Doyle 55 min.).

Oghab: Malechi, Mirhadi, Solkonan, Rahimi, Arab, Nayerlou, Aminikhah, Ismaili, Guderzi, Vafakha, Eftekhari (Jehangiri).

Persepolis Football Club was founded in 1963 in Tehran and has been in the first division of Iranian football since 1968.

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
4th. November 1970,				Amjadieh Stadium, Tehran, Iran										22000	
Persepolis F.C. (Iran)..1 v. Australia..2															
half time, Persepolis F.C. ..1 v. Australia..1															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
	GK	Hadi Tavousi						GK	John "Jack" Reilly						
	RB	Ebrahim Ashtiani						RB	John Roche						
	LB	Akbar Mohammadi				X		LB	Peter Wilson						
	RH	Jafar Kashani						RH	Manfred Schaefer						
	CH	Mehrab Shahrokhi						CH	Dennis Yaager				X		
	LH	Fereydoun Moeini						LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards	8					
	OR	Asghar Adibi				X*		OR	James "Jim" Mackay						
	IR	Ali Parvin	16(pk)					IR	John Warren (c)						
	CF	Hossein Kalani						CF	George Blues				X*		
	IL	Homayoun Behzadi						IL	Michael "Mike" Denton						
	OL	Nazem Ganjapour				X**		OL	William "Bill" Vojtek						
SUBSTITUTES															
	DF	Reza Vatankhah				X			Colin "Col" Curran				X		
	FW	Nasser Salimi				X*			Adrian Alston	48			X*		
	FW	Dariussh Mostafavi				X**									
Team Coach		Igor Netto					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug						
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons						
Referee		Davoud Nasiri (Iran)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco						
Linesman															
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This game was original scheduled to be played against the Iranian national side (and some newspaper reports, including Soccer World, have the match versus Iran) but the national side was too depleted because players from club side Taj, which was due to start a tour of India the following day, did not play.

No reference has been found indicating that this game is recorded as a full international (eg. <http://www.rsssf.com/tables/i/iran-intres.html>).

The Age, 3/11/1970, page 22 reports the game to be played against Iran U-23.

match report from Soccer World, 13/11/1970, Volume 13 Number 43 page 6 by Lou Gautier

Australia's 2-1 win over Iran at the Amdajieh Stadium last Wednesday must rate as one of Australia's greatest soccer victories.

Few teams have survived the bizarre, quite unique atmosphere which prevails in Tehran, where conditions are literally out of this world.

The surface of the ground, the relatively high altitude (3,600 ft) and the incredibly biased refereeing against an touring team have all contributed to Iran's "good record" at home.

Although Iran did not field four of its regular internationals, who were with the Taj club in New Delhi, the Iranians consented to classify the match as full "A" international - the first of the current tour - upon the stubborn insistence of tour officials Frank Parsons and Ian Brusasco, who had battled firmly for two days to get the match registered as a real international with FIFA.

Australia started off confidently and grabbed the initiative from the kick-off, in sharp contrast to their first match against Oqab which, as we found out later, turned out to be the Iranian national "B" team.

In the opening minutes, the players moved the ball about attractively and immediately had the Iranians backpedalling.

In the eighth minute Blues' third corner cracked the jackpot.

His perfectly executed swerving kick found the head of Ray Richards, who had moved up quickly in the goalmouth.

Richards rose high above a wall of players and found the left corner with an unstoppable header.

The referee tried his damnest to get the Iranians back into the match and almost succeeded when he unjustly penalised Schaefer.

Mehrab's powerful 20-yard freekick almost went in. It was a cannon-like drive which just grazed the upright with Reilly beaten.

Warren in the 15th minute burst through in typical style, but his shot was blocked on the penalty spot by onrushing defenders who almost tore his legs from under him.

Naturally, referee Davoud Nasiri turned a blind eye, but only a minute later he had totally recovered his vision to award a dubious penalty against us for "hands" by Yaager.

There was such a pack of Aussie defenders in the goalmouth and so many Iranian arms and legs that Yaager could only have handled unintentionally.

Right winger Parvin, Iran's most popular forward, duly converted, and completely against the run of play as fans chanted "Iran, Iran", the teams were on level pegging and the Aussies had the difficult task of again hitting the front.

Four minutes later the referee's indulgence almost gave Iran the lead; he ignored Parvin in a blatant offside position. The latter passed to Ashtiani, whose shot, while the entire Aussie defence stopped expecting the whistle that never came, just missed by inches after a goalmouth scrimmage.

Yet another corner came in the 36th minute when, after the ensuing mix-up, McKay almost scored.

A minute later goallie Reilly missed a high centre from Kashani, who had linked up in attack, but this time, luckily, the referee whistled for Parvin's blatant offside - which the linesman had ignored.

In the 40th minute Australia gained its seventh corner - an indication of our superiority - and Denton was bundled off the ball unceremoniously.

Just before halftime the referee made his only mistake in Australia's favor when Denton, two yards offside, was allowed to continue towards the Iranian goal and pass to Warren, whose tremendous drive rocketed off Moini for yet another corner, which was also unproductive.

Australia took the field in the second half with Col Curran in for Yaager, who in the first half had been unable to hold the clever Parvin.

Yaager, however, had the excuse of being pitted against the best Iranian forward, who is almost world class.

Curran grabbed his chance of showing his mettle on tour with a first class display which almost assures him of a berth in our strongest line-up from now on.

His tackling was brilliant, his positional play sound, and he earned our everlasting gratitude by miraculously clearing the ball from the Australian line in the 65th minute when the referee again allowed an offside Iranian player to race towards the Australian goal before sending in a lob which resulted in a hair-raising melee until Curran's vigorous clearance.

This was the only time Iran came close to scoring in a second half dominated by the Australians.

Three minutes into the second half Adrian Alston had given Australia the match-winning lead with a beautifully timed header after unmarking himself cleverly to accept a lofted freekick by John Warren.

The Iranians expected a fullblooded drive as the Aussie skipper was in a scoring position only 15 yards from goal.

Johnny Warren, in the 64th minute, could have made it 3-1, but the referee - yes, that man again! - saw an imaginary offside and pulled him back.

McKay had a chance in the 70th minute when he skied the ball over the bar after some typically tenacious grafting by Mike Denton.

In the 81st minute Denton missed an open goal when he collided with goalie Tavousi after getting a fine pass from Alston.

Play became willing in the dying stages with Australia determined to hang on to the lead and the Iranians, encouraged vociferously by the 22,000 spectators, trying every trick in the book - legal or otherwise - to force an equaliser.

Australia conceded two corners in the 83rd minute, but neither was very dangerous and Reilly's reach and cool put paid to Iran's dreams of glory.

Alston was fouled viciously by Mohammadi in the 85th minute under the benevolent eye of the referee and didn't even get a freekick for his pains.

With Australia defending with nine men the final siren went (they have sirens in Iran) but the referee continued the match for another two minutes in the vain hope of allowing Iran to equalise . . .

When the final whistle sounded, the Australians fell into each other's arms and all the reserves and officials raced onto the pitch to embrace them while the Iranian fans lit bonfires all over the terraces.

The public was not particularly hostile, merely supported its team vociferously and remained dead silent whenever Australia had the ball in attack.

Out two goals were scored in a cathedral-like silence.

The whole Australian team was superb and justified my earlier predictions that it would mould into our best-ever.

There were no weaknesses, really, but many strong points.

Wilson was again magnificent as "sweeper", midfielder McKay was supreme and blotted out the clever, technical, but slow Iranian forwards for most of the 90 minutes.

Reilly, thanks to our excellent defensive tactics, had little to do again.

Roche didn't have the best of games, suffering from nerves, and Yaager also disappointed.

Schaefer stuck manfully to his task and did valuable work with his tackling.

Of the strikers Denton was number one. Although he again didn't score, he created many openings by chasing any ball and he was rated by the Iranian pressmen who sat around me as our best forward for the first two matches in Tehran - a compliment he deserved although Alston also played a great game, - his best on the tour.

Against the fairly slow Iranians, Alston's change of rhythm, pace and height was of great value.

Billy Vojtek had no luck as a striker, but in the second half he played like an extra fullback and tackled and ran as never before.

If I kept John Warren for last it is because he was Australia's undisputed kingpin.

Playing at his purposeful, dynamic best, Warren played a whale of a match, something like the one against Greece in Sydney last year, except that the conditions were entirely different - and much, much tougher.

It was again obvious in this match that for Australia to play well our midfield must function smoothly as it did against Iran where Warren and McKay, backed up by Wilson, formed a match-winning unit which even impressed the great Igor Netto.

The Iranians were no pushover. They are about the same standard as Japan, with Kamamoto, perhaps stronger when their four stars from Taj are playing.

They have useful players in Ashtiani, Kashani, Moini, Parvin and Behzadi.

Details:

Australia: Reilly, Roche, Wilson, Schaefer, Yaager (Curran), Richards, McKay, Warren, Blues (Alston), Denton, Vojtek.

Iran: Tavousi, Ashtiani, Mohammadi (Vatakha), Kashani, Mehrabi, Moini, Adibi (Salimi), Parvin, Kalani, Behzadi, Genjapur (Mustafavi).

Referee: Davoud Nasiri.

Crowd: 22,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
5th. November 1970,			Tehran, Iran									17000	
Tehran XI (Iran)..3 v. Australia..3													
half time, Tehran XI..1 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Russta				X		GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Hassan Habibi Nakhmaghlat						RB	John Roche				
	LB	Majid Halvaei						LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Gazorani						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Hushangi						CH	Dennis Yaager				
	LH	Mahmoud Yavari	20(pk), 61					LH	John Warren				
	OR	Sharoko						OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	IR	Parviz Mirza-Hassan	60					IR	John Doyle	26			X
	CF	Mehdi Monajati						CF	Adrian Alston				
	IL	Asghar Sharafi						IL	Michael "Mike" Denton	40, 71			
	OL	Ahmadzadeh				X*		OL	William "Bill" Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Keyvan Niknafas Nassiri				X X*			George Blues				X
Team Coach		Igor Netto					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		Arhad Barzani (Iran)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, 13/11/1970, Volume 13 Number 43 page 6 by Lou Gautier

Australia played its poorest tour match so far when forcing a 3-3 draw with a team tagged "Tehran".

Many of our key players had an obvious off day and the defence, so solid and safe in earlier games, was often caught on the wrong foot by the very determined and skilled Iranian ball-players.

Just how strong this "Tehran" was is indicated by the fact that all their players were promptly selected after the match by national coach Igor Netto, the former all-time Russian star, for the 42-strong Iranian squad preparing for the Asian Games.

Actually, it was two fantastic headers by Denton that pulled this match out of the fire; both very reminiscent of those diving headers of the great German ace Uwe Seeler in his prime.

The first incident of the match came in the 20th minute when referee Arhad Barzani ordered a penalty against Yaager - standing at least two feet over the goalline . . .

Yavari converted to make it 1-0. But this wasn't the end of the referee's "activities."

He penalised the Aussies for everything except breathing, time and again stopping the fluency of our moves with his damned whistle.

In the 26th minute Doyle equalised. Vojtek's corner was headed down by Alston and Doyle, rushing in, smashed the ball past Russta, the Iranian goalie.

Play continued to be fast and even though Australia had much more of the ball.

In the 40th minute another corner was curving in and little Mike Denton flung himself in the path of the ball, screwing it into the corner to put us in the lead.

After a fairly uneventful 15 minutes, the second half exploded into action.

Tehran grabbed the initiative as the Aussies, oddly enough, began to lose their composure.

In the 60th minute Mirzahassan scored, and one minute later Yavari scored a great goal, exploiting the many defensive lapses of our team.

Actually, Tehran could have scored more - but the storm was weathered.

And in the last 20 minutes Australia came again, with a late run.

In the 71st minute it was again Denton who bobbed up, almost arrogantly, in the goalmouth.

Another corner was floating in and Denton somehow climbed higher than the tall Iranian defenders to rocket the ball home.

Reilly wasn't quite fit as a hip injury and stomach complaint the day before the match appeared to throw him slightly out of gear.

The highly-strung Roche had an indifferent game; actually, his form has gone down since the matches in Hong Kong. Yaader, too, had a poor game against his tricky winger.

Even Richards, one of the mainstays of the team so far, had a poor day and contributed to many defensive mix-ups.

The referee was quite abominable - there is no other way to speak of him.

The Iranians played as roughly as they liked, without the risk of being penalised.

Vojtk's head was almost torn off in one incident, but the referee ignored the foul.

But our players were mercilessly penalised for even the slightest push . . .

Most Australian players commented sadly on this type of home refereeing.

They say that our local referees in Australia always lean over backwards to impress visiting teams with their "impartiality" - at the expense of the Australian teams - while overseas you have to get used to the fact that home referees add extra strength to our opponents . . .

After the match there was an ugly incident, right under the Australian dressing room.

A group of youngsters, friendly enough, were waiting to see our players when the police decided to disperse them - with their electric batons. Two youths were injured and still receiving attention on the grass when the Australian bus left the stadium for the hotel . . .

Details:

Tehran: Russta (Niknafs), Habibi, Halvahi, Gozorani, Hushangi, Yavari, Sharoko, Mirzahasassan, Monadjati, Sharafi, Ahmadzade (Nassiri).

Australia: Reilly, Roche, Wilson, Schaefer, Yaager, Warren, Richards, Doyle (Blues), Alston, Denton, Vojtek.

Scorers: Doyle 26 min., Denton 36 and 71 min., Yavari 20th (penalty) and 61st min., Mirzhassan 60 min.

Referr: Arhad Barzani

Crowd: 17,000

match report from The Sun-Herald, 8/11/1970, page 99

The touring Australian Soccer team drew 3-3 against a Tehran XI here last night (*Friday*) marred by poor refereeing.

Australian manager Frank Parsons was so disgusted with referee Ashat Barazandi's display that he went to his dressing room after the match and told him it was the most unfair refereeing he had ever seen.

Mr. Parsons told Barazandi that if anyone from the International Football Federation (FIFA) had seen the game, it would have been Barazandi's last.

In the first half Barazandi gave a penalty against Australian full-back Dennis Yaager.

Barazandi claimed Yaager handled a ball that hit him on the shoulder. Whether the decision was correct in this respect was not the main bone of contention, though.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Denton 2, Doyle) drew with TEHRAN XI 3 (Yavari 2, Mizahassan).

Crowd 21,000

Referee Ashat Barazandi.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. November 1970,			National Stadium (Ramat Gan), Tel Aviv, Israel										25000	
Israel..0 v. Australia..1														
half time, Israel..0 v. Australia..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Itzhak Visoker						GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Shraga Bar						RB	John Roche					
	LB	David Karako						LB	Peter Wilson					
	RH	Yitzhak Shum						RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Zvi Rosen				46		CH	Colin "Col" Curran					
	LH	Shmuel "Sam" Rosenthal						LH	William "Bill" Vojtek					
	OR	Giora Spiegel						OR	John Warren (c)					
	IR	Artzi Ben Yaakov (c)				46*		IR	James "Jim" Mackay					
	CF	Yehoshua "Shiye" Feigenbaum						CF	George Blues				46	
	IL	Mordechai "Motaleh" Spiegler						IL	Adrian Alston				65	
	OL	Avraham Shabo				80		OL	Michael "Mike" Denton				85	
SUBSTITUTES														
		Yaakov Rahminovich				46			Raymond "Ray" Richards	50			46	
		Yohanan Vollach				46*			John Doyle				65	
		Zeev Zelzer				80			Sandy Irvine				85	
Team Coach		Emmanuel Scheffer					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug					
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons					
Referee		Menachem Ashkenazi (Israel)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco					
Linesman														
Linesman														

Itzhak Visoker is also shown as Itzhak Vissoker. Mordechai Spiegler is also shown as Mordechai Shpigler. Zvi Rosen is also shown as Tzvi Rozen. Yehushua Feigenboim is also shown as Yehoshua Feigenbaum. Shmuel Rozental is also shown as Shmuel Rosenthal. Avraham Shabo is also shown as Avraham Szabo. Zeev Zelzer is also shown as Zeev Zeltzer. Yohanan Volah is also shown as Yohanan Wallach, Yohanan Vollach, Yochanan Vollach and Jochanan Wallach.

Spelling of Israeli players in accordance with Israel Football Association (http://eng.football.org.il/NationalTeam/Pages/NationalTeamGameDetails.aspx?GAME_ID=158&DISPLAY_HOME_TABLE)

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 12/11/1970, page 13

Commentators today praised the Australian Soccer team for their 1-0 win over Israel here last night.

"The visitors, a young team, played ambitious Soccer and deserved their win," the English-language "Jerusalem Post" said.

The sports editor of "Davar," the labour daily, wrote: "Since the middle of 1969, two things have happened - the Australians have made considerable progress whereas we have lapsed badly."

He was referring to Israel's 1-0 win over Australia in Tel Aviv in a World Cup elimination match late last year.

The influential morning daily, "Haaretz," said the only consolation for Israel was that the match was played yesterday and not last December.

An Australian win would probably have prevented Israel going to the World Cup finals in Mexico.

Much of the praise for Australians was qualified by disparagement of the disappointing standard of Israel's play.

"Haaretz," said Israel had been "slow and tired," "We left the Ramat Gan Stadium with a heavy heart yesterday," the sports editor of "Davar" wrote.

Australia's coach Zvonimir Rasic said it had been a great team effort and that to beat Israel in Israel was Australia's greatest Soccer achievement.

The Australians won because they were fitter than the Israelis and played 90 minutes of dedicated football.

In a match dominated by the midfield players and defenders, Australia's Jim McKay was outstanding.

McKay kept Israeli ace Mordechai Spiegler right out of the game.

He was ably backed up by fullback Manfred Schaefer, who worked tirelessly and goalkeeper Jack Reilly, who saved in a spectacular dive in the second half when Israel looked likely to equalise.

Midfield player Ray Richards, dropped from the team yesterday, replaced George Blues at half time and scored five minutes into the second half.

Adrian Alston and Johnny Warren set up the goal.

Alston headed the ball into position for a shot by Warren, and the goalkeeper was at full stretch trying to stop it.

The ball was deflected from the goalkeeper's hands across the goalmouth.

Richards raced in and slammed the ball into the net.

Today, the Australians go to Haifa to play Hapoel, the top club team.

Hapoel are expected to strengthen their team by adding star players from other Haifa clubs.

Rasic intends to field a team as close to top strength as possible, but will rest striker Mike Denton who has a bruised ankle and finished the match exhausted.

Assistant-coach Les Scheinflug may play in the second half to rest one of the defenders who worked hard and played such a big part in yesterday's match.

Hapoel Haifa was part of an organisation that included several branches related to sports. The goal of the organisation was to found the first ever labor football club in Palestine and on April 24th 1924 (during Passover) 36 representatives of different authorities held an establishment meeting. In the first years of the club it played mainly friendly matches against different teams from Palestine, Europe, and the Middle East. At the beginning Hapoel Haifa were members of the Maccabi union but two years later they became founder members of the Hapoel union. In 1928 the Palestine Football Association (or Ereta Israel Football Association) was founded and formal matches were scheduled. The PFA changed its name to the Israel Football Association following the founding of the state of Israel in 1948. In 1932 the team qualified for its first cup final, against the British Police.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. November 1970,			Kiryat Eliezer Stadium, Haifa, Israel									7000	
Hapoel Haifa (Israel)..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Hapoel Haifa..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Yoel Shoham						GK	Roger Romanowicz				
	RB	Gidon Goldberg						RB	Sandy Irvine				
	LB	Yohanan Vollach						LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Dov Atzmon	90(pk)					RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Gideon "Gidi" Damti						CH	Colin "Col" Curran				X
	LH	Zalka						LH	John Warren				
	OR	Mordchai Piker						OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards	10			
	IR	Yitzhak Englander						IR	John Perin				
	CF	Avraham "Abba" Gindin				X		CF	George Blues				
	IL	Jaboukovsky						IL	David Keddie	40			
	OL	Baliti						OL	Adrian Alston				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ben Ahrami				X			Harry Williams				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		Avram Klein (Israel)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Soccer World has the team as a combined Hapoel and Maccabi team.

Yitzhak Englander is also shown as Itzhak Englander. Yochanan Vollach is also shown as Yohanan Vollach and Yohanan Wallach.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 13/11/1970, page 18

The Australian Soccer team's 2-1 win against the Haifa club Hapoel on Wednesday night kept intact their unbeaten record, and at this stage their success is exceeding the wildest expectations of officials. Coaches Zvonimir Rasic and Les Scheinflug, Australian Soccer Federation vice-president Ian Brusasco and team manager Frank Parsons are all jubilant with the team's results. They see the win as strong justification for sending away a young team to prepare for the 1974 World Cup eliminations which begin next year.

Against Hapoel the players set out to establish a quick lead, and then seemed to coast for the rest of the match.

"This is not surprising," Rasic said.

"After all, they were keyed up so much for the game against Israel and this game must have been a bit of a letdown."

But whatever their thoughts during the match, the players were still in high spirits after the final whistle, which left their record at seven wins and two draws, with a goal average of 24 to six.

Rasic said the results so far on the tour were a strong argument for regular national coaching sessions in Australia.

He said the improvement of some of the young players was remarkable.

Because the match was against a club team Rasic took the chance to give four players their full match of the tour.

They were reserve goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz, Sandy Irvine, midfielder John Perin and David Keddie.

Tomorrow they will visit Nazareth in the morning before a training session in the afternoon. On Saturday they will fly to Athens, where their first match of two against Greece will be played on Monday.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. November 1970,			Panathinaikos Stadium, Athens, Greece									12000	
Greece..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Greece..1 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Panagiotis "Takis" Ikononopoulos						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Giorgos Skrekis						RB	John Roche				
	LB	Aristidis Kamaras						LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Apostolos Toskas						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Nikos Stathopoulos						CH	Colin "Col" Curran				
	LH	Giorgos Koudas						LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	OR	Konstantinos "Kostas" Eleftherakis	22					OR	John Warren (c)				
	IR	Dimitris "Mimis" Domazos (c)						IR	James "Jim" Mackay	23			
	CF	Giorgos Dedes						CF	George Blues	77			
	IL	Nikos Gioutsos				46		IL	Adrian Alston	11			
	OL	Babis Stavropoulos				61		OL	William "Bill" Vojtek				75
SUBSTITUTES													
		Dimitris Papaioannou				46			Michael "Mike" Denton				75
		Stathis Haitas				61							
Team Coach		Vassilis "Lakis" Petropoulos					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		Nikolaos Giannopoulos (Greece)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 18/11/1970, page 17

Australia surprised about 15,000 Greek football fans by taking a 2-1 lead over Greece in an international Soccer match at the Panathinaikos Stadium here today.

Australia's first goal came at the tenth minute from a slow shot by Adrian Alston after captain Johnny Warren gave him a perfect pass.

Costas Eleftherakis equalised for Greece in the 19th minute with a long, driving goal, but two minutes later Jim Mackay put his team in the lead again by heading in a corner kick by Billy Vojtek.

The Australians were faster and tackled harder than the Greeks.

Australia's Soccer coach Zvonimir Rasic caused a mild surprise when he omitted Mike Denton, the highest-scoring player on the tour, from the team.

Denying that Denton had been dropped because of disappointing form, Rasic said: "I want to have him fresh so that I can use him as a fresh man in the second half."

Winger George Blues was to replace Denton, who has scored five goals in eight matches on the tour.

Rasic reminded the team yesterday that Israel had been on top in the first half of last week's match in Tel Aviv before Australia won 1-0.

The Australian team is - Goalkeeper: Jack Reilly. Wilson, Manfred Schaeffer, Colin Curran. Midfield: John Warren (capt), Ray Richards, Jim Mackay. Strikers: George Blues, Adrian Alston, Billy Vojtek.

Greece has named a near full-strength team.

The team is: Economopoulos, Skrekis, Kamaras, Toskas, Stathopoulos, Eleftherakis, Domazos, Youtsos, Dedes, Koudas, Papaionnou.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 19/11/1970, page 21

Every player in the Greek National Soccer team will be fined 3,000 drachma (about \$90) for losing to Australia yesterday.

Newspapers here reported today that Dr. George Dedes, the president of the Greek Football Federation gave the players a tongue-lashing in the dressing room after the match when he announced the fine.

"The team was worthless . . . deplorable," Dr. Dedes was quoted as saying.

The newspapers also quoted Dr. Dedes as saying the Australians had thoroughly deserved their 3-1 win.

"To Fos," an Athens morning sports paper, proclaimed "Shame . . . Shame" in two-inch letters across its front page.

"Men of steel from Australia win 3-1," said a one-inch headline below.

"To Fos" called the Australians "rough, strong and fast" and said they had played very well while the Greek team had been "totally non-existent."

"The fans were shouting "Shame . . . Shame" which was the most mild epilogue."

The other sporting daily, "Athletico Eko," said in a banner headline: "Miserable national team crushed by superb Australians."

It said the Greeks had got a "painful surprise" from the Australians' strong, bustling play.

"Athletico Eko" noted that the Greek fans had deservedly booed their team and had applauded the Australians as the Greeks trudged off "with their heads hanging."

Reaction to the result was not long coming from Australia.

Goalkeeper Jack Reilly had a call at the team's hotel last night from officials of his Melbourne club, Juventus; this morning the captain Jonny Warren had a call from Radio Australia for an interview.

Yesterday's defeat was only the Greeks second loss at home for five years.

Yesterday's win at the Panathinaikos Stadium was a triumph for the team's dedication, for its superior physical fitness, and above all for coach Zvonimir Rasic's shrewd appraisal of the Greeks.

They reacted exactly as he predicted to the Australian's rugged tackling and close marking.

Rasic had told his players to crowd their opponents, to tackle and bump hard, and to harass them so that they could not play their quick-dribbling, fancy style of football.

From his experience when playing in Yugoslavia against Greek teams, the Greeks would fold up.

And he was right. In the second half, after Australia scored their third goal, Greek players wanted only to pick fights or look for somewhere to rest their weary bodies.

Mid-fielder Jim Mackay, who scored Australia's second goal was the best man on the field.

Mackay marked the Greek star Dimitrios Domazos. Every time Domazos went near the ball Mackay was looming, never more than a couple of yards away, preventing him from setting up attacking moves.

Tomorrow, the Australians will play a Greek Under-23 team, which they expect to be as strong as yesterday's team, at Kavala, Northern Greece.

On Friday, they will leave for London. They will play against Luton Town, Manchester City and the Irish League next week in what they expect to be the toughest matches of their tour.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Alston, Mackay, Blues) beat GREECE 1 (Eleftherakis).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. November 1970,			Kavala Stadium, Kavala, Greece									12000	
Greece 'B'..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Greece 'B'..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Eleftherios Poupakis						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	DF	Takis Eleftheriadis						RB	John Roche				
	DF	Haralambos "Babis" Intzoglou				46		LB	Peter Wilson				
		Kavas						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
		Asimakopoulos						CH	Colin "Col" Curran				
		Lavarides						LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	MF	Panagiotis "Totis" Filakouris						OR	John Warren				
	MF	Stavros Sarafis						IR	James "Jim" Mackay				
	FW	Konstantinos "Kostas" Davroulis	57					CF	George Blues				72
	FW	Achilleas "Ahileas" Aslanidis				67		IL	Adrian Alston	43			
								OL	Michael "Mike" Denton				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Maharides				46			William "Bill" Vojtek				72
		Siokis				67							
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		George Katsouris (Greece)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Greece 'B' team was also shown as Greece U-23's.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 21/11/1970, page 34

Australia played impressively in drawing 1-1 with a Greek under-23 team at Kavala, Northern Greece yesterday.

The Greeks played ruggedly throughout in marked contrast with the tame national team beaten 3-1 by Australia in Athens on Tuesday.

Referee George Katsouris allowed almost anything to go without giving free kicks.

In the first 10 minutes Australia's George Blues was kicked in the face.

After Adrian Alston scored Australia's goal in the 41st minute, a Greek player punched Australian Mike Denton on the jaw.

Six minutes after half-time, another Australian, Ray Richards, was brought down in the penalty area but the referee did not blow the whistle.

Twelve minutes into the second half the Australian defenders blundered and left a big gap through which Constantinos Davourlis sent a driving long shot that beat goalkeeper Jack Reilly.

Two minutes before the end, there was almost a brawl after Australian Jim Mackay collided with goalkeeper Eleftherios Poupakis.

Luton Town F.C. was formed on 11th April 1885. Before this there were many clubs in the town, the most prominent of which were Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior. Initially based at Excelsior's Dallow Lane ground, Luton Town began making payments to certain individual players in 1890 and the following year Luton became the first club in southern England to be fully professional. The club was a founder member of the Southern Football League in the 1894-95 season and finished as runners-up in its first two seasons. It then left to help form the United League and came second in the inaugural season before joining the Football League, which was then based mostly in northern and central England, which proved to be too costly and so a return to the Southern League was arranged for the 1900-01 season.

In season 1955-56 Luton reached the 1st Division of the English Football League. They also reached the FA Cup Final in 1958-59 losing to Nottingham Forest.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. November 1970, 19.30			Kenilworth Road, Luton, England									6416	
Luton Town (England)..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Luton Town..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Alan Starling						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	John Ryan						RB	John Roche				
	LB	Jack Bannister						LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	David Court						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Christopher Nicholl						CH	Colin "Col" Curran				
	LH	Alan Slough						LH	John Warren				
	OR	James "Jimmy" Ryan						OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	IR	Daniel "Don" Givens						IR	James "Jim" Mackay				
	CF	Malcolm MacDonald	28					CF	Michael "Mike" Denton	35			
	IL	Michael "Mike" Keen						IL	Adrian Alston	83			
	OL	Vivian "Viv" Busby						OL	George Blues				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Kenneth "Ken" Goodeve											
		Robert Delgado											
		John Collins											
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		R.Sheppard					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman		D.S.Bone											
Linesman		R.Rodell											

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 25/11/1970, page 23

A jubilant Australian Soccer team, fresh from a 2-1 win over Luton, a highly rated English Second Division team, today travelled north to face Manchester City tomorrow night.

First Division City, fifth in the league table, will really test the worth of the tourists, who gained brief but respectful notices in the London press after last night's display.

"Luton Shocked By Eager Australians," said the mass-circulation "Daily Mirror."

"Luton could not subdue the Australians," the paper added. "The tourists lost some of their energy as the game went on, but none of their spirit."

The Australians had to battle hard in the first-half, which ended with the teams level at 1-1.

Luton had scored first in the 28th minute from a corner, their highly rated centre forward Malcolm MacDonald heading the ball in.

Australia equalised in the 35th minute, when George Blues slammed the ball through a hole in the English defence, and Mike Denton whipped it into the net.

Both teams lost chances at the goalmouth and Australian goalie Jack Reilly had to turn on his best performance of the tour to hold off some savage Luton assaults.

In the second-half, the Australians, despite the sudden switch from rock-hard Asian grounds, to the soft English pitch, more than held their own.

In the 38th minute, striker Adrian Alston broke through, beat the Luton keeper, and slammed home the winning goal.

Luton officials later conceded they had taken the Australians too lightly.

"We are amazed by your high standards," they told Australian reporters.

Coach Zvonimir Rasic was asked if he thought his side could now handle mighty Manchester City.

"We'll wait and see. But nothing is impossible," he said.

Manchester City have been one of the most successful clubs in England in recent years.

They have won the Football Association Cup, the Football League Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup in the last two seasons, and were football league champions in 1968.

They have three internationals in their ranks, forwards Francis Lee, Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee.

Last night's victory has been a sharp tonic for the Australians, who now have less difficulty seeing themselves in a giant-killer role.

They have hopes that they may yet get through the whole tour unbeaten.

Manchester City was founded in 1880 as St. Mark's (West Gordon). It became Ardwick Association Football Club in 1887 and Manchester City in 1894. They entered the Football League in 1892 and won the Second Division in 1899. Their first major honour was a 1-0 defeat of Bolton Wanderers on 23 April 1904 in the FA Cup Final. In the 1930's, Manchester City reached two consecutive FA Cup finals, losing to Everton in 1933, before claiming the Cup by beating Portsmouth in 1934. The club won the First Division title for the first time in 1937, but were relegated the following season, despite scoring more goals than any other team in the division. Then followed a series of promotions and relegations until 1966 when they regained First Division status. In between there were two more FA Cup final appearances; 1955 (a loss to Newcastle United) and 1956 (a 3-1 win against Birmingham City).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. November 1970, 19.30			Maine Road, Manchester, England									4000	
Manchester City (England)..2 v. Australia..0													
half time, Manchester City..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ronald "Ron" Healy						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	David Connor						RB	John Roche				
	LB	Ray Hatton						LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	William "Willie" Donachie						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Derek Jeffries						CH	Colin "Col" Curran				
	LH	Colin Barrett						LH	James "Jim" Mackay				
	OR	Stephen "Steve" Carter						OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards				X
	IR	Paul Smith	5					IR	John Warren				
	CF	Ian Bowyer						CF	Adrian Alston				
	IL	Frederick "Freddie" Hill						IL	Michael "Mike" Denton				46
	OL	Mick "Micky" Brennan	56					OL	George Blues				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ian Mellor							John Perin				X
		Christopher "Chris" Glennon							William "Bill" Vojtek				46
		Jeffrey "Jeff" Johnson											
Team Coach		Joe Mercer					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		A.Morrissey					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman		F.Brocklehurst											
Linesman		H.Crook											

some sources have the Manchester City team listed as Manchester City Reserves which played in the Central League, and indeed the team that was fielded were Reserves, but the match was advertised as a first-team fixture.

article from the Manchester Evening News, 25/11/1970

Manchester City wrap their first team in cotton wool tonight.

They play a complete reserve side against Australia's World Cup hopefuls at Maine Road.

"It's not very complimentary to our guests, but quite honestly there is nothing we can really do about it," explained Joe Mercer today.

He added: "We have a lot of injuries and minor knocks and had this been a more important match we would have had to take a chance. However, we feel we have got to tell the fans in the hope that they might come along to see these promising youngsters of ours play."

Mercer then reeled off this list of casualties:

- TONY BOOK, recurrence of the burst blood vessel which forced him off late in Saturday's game against West Ham.
- GLYN PARDOE, described as having a "dead" leg.
- ALAN OAKES, not 100 per cent fit.
- MIKE DOYLE, not 100 per cent fit.
- NEIL YOUNG, still recovering from a bad ankle.
- ARTHUR MANN, knee injury he battled against on Saturday.
- MIKE SUMMERBEE, not 100 per cent fit.

In addition to these players, the Blues have released Colin Bell and Francis Lee for international duty with England at Wembley tonight while the City boss says of George Heslop: "He is the only fully fit centre-half we have at present and I don't want to play him."

Said Mercer: "This is the situation and I am sorry so far as the Australians are concerned. And I am also sorry for the fans for this is regarded as a first-team fixture and first-team prices are being charged."

The Australians, on a round-the-world tour in an effort to build up experience for the 1974 World Cup finals do not, however, consider it a snub.

Said Aussie team boss Frank Parsons: "We are naturally a little bit disappointed, but obviously City know what they are doing. After all, it is only a friendly match and perhaps they feel they can beat us with a reserve team. We shall have to see."

Only David Connor, Willie Donachie, Derek Jeffries, Ian Bowyer and Freddie Hill have had first team experience in a City line-up. The remaining six can be said to be making their senior debut . . . and against a World Cup team at that.

MANCHESTER CITY: Healey; Connor, Hatton; Donachie, Jeffries, Barrett; Smith, Carter, Bowyer, Brennan, Hill. Subs: Mellor, Glennon, Johnson.

AUSTRALIA: Riley; Roach, Curran; Schaefer, Wilson, Richards; Warren, McKay, Blues, Alston, Vojtek or Benton.

Referee: A.Morrissey, Bramhall.

match report from the Manchester Evening News, 26/11/1970

It was just as well Manchester City did send in their reserves against Australia at Maine Road.

Had they fielded a stronger team the World Cup men from Down Under would surely have been beaten even more handsomely than 2-0.

"Full marks to these talented youngsters. But quite honestly the pitch was far from our liking," said Aussie team boss Frank Parsons.

However, let that not detract from City's performance against a side unbeaten in 12 previous matches on a world tour undertaken to build up for the 1974 Munich finals.

But if this is the best Australia can offer, all I can suggest is they forget the World Cup . . . and stick to cricket!

City's greater skill, pace and use of the ball left the Aussies gasping as they hammered in goals from Paul Smith (six minutes) and Mike Brennan (56).

Freddie Hill's experience finely balanced the enthusiasm of City's talented youngsters, with Stephen Carter looking particularly skilful on the ball, despite his lack of pace.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. November 1970,			Dalymount Park, Dublin, Eire									7500	
League of Ireland..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, League of Ireland..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Thomas					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Peter Bryan					5	RB	Dennis Yaager				
	LB	Michael "Al" Finucane					3	LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Shay Brennan					2	RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Patrick "Paddy" Dunning					18	CH	Harry Williams				81
	LH	Jimmy McGeough				X	12	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	OR	Noel O'Mahony					7	OR	James "Jim" Mackay				
	IR	John Minnock					8	IR	John Warren				
	CF	Alfred "Alfie" Hale	26				9	CF	George Blues				
	IL	Michael "Mick" Lawlor					11	IL	Adrian Alston				74
	OL	Johnny Matthews				X*	10	OL	Michael "Mike" Denton				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Michael "Mick" Kearin				X	4		Sandy Irvine				81
		Damien Richardson				X*	6		John Doyle				74
Team Coach		Liam Tuohy					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		D.V.Byrne					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Irish Times, 28/11/1970, page 3

There was no great glory for the League of Ireland in last night's 1-0 win over the visiting Australians at Dalymount Park, where a rather poor attendance (receipts £1,600) was treated to an equally disappointing display by both teams. To the credit of the home side, they tried extremely hard to bring about a reasonably good result, but for the most part were, foiled by an extremely tough defence, which, at times, consisted of some eight players.

Under the circumstances, the Irishmen were perhaps rather lucky to even get one shot past goalkeeper Jack Reilly. Unfortunately, a couple of the home forwards did not strike top form, particularly the inside men, Mick Lawlor and John Minnock, either one of whom could have put the issue beyond all doubt long before the final whistle.

The middle of the field was reasonably sound, with Jimmy McGeough (until he was injured) and Joe O'Mahony doing some great work, but were it not for the brilliance of Johnny Matthews, on the Irish left wing, and Alfie Hale at at centre-forward, the attendance might not even have received the limited value that they did get.

From the point of view of good football, the Australians were something of a disappointment. They were full of running, to be sure, but lacked any set plan of campaign and whereas there were some fine performances from such as Adrian Alston and the inside pair, John Warren and Mike Denton, the attack rarely posed a threat.

Towards the end, when they were searching for an equaliser, the visitors did contrive to show some of their attacking flair but for the most part they seemed content to depend on their deep defensive system and in this respect they had useful performers in centre-half Peter Wilson, right full-back Denis Eager and Manfred Schaefer at right-half.

Generally, however, it was a disappointing display by the Irish team. A lot of passes went astray at the wrong time and while there was a lot more method in their play, inaccurate shooting and a tendency to overrun the ball spoiled some good movements.

Unfortunately, it looks as if McGeough's injury will have cost him a place on the Waterford team to play Shelbourne at Tolka Park tomorrow. The Waterford club doctor is doubtful if the half-back will, in fact, be fit to play.

Alston, the Australian centre-forward, had the first shot of the match after some eight minutes, but he was both high and wide with his effort, and a minute later Warren, their captain, was on the spot to send in a likely-looking shot, but it rolled wide of the far upright, with Thomas obviously in control.

The Irish attack did not get moving smoothly until the 11th minute. Hale was doing great work against the tightly-packed Australian defence, yet it was Matthews who provided the first real opportunity, his corner kick finding Hale, whose header went just wide.

Three minutes later, a promising move between Bryan and Lawlor, saw the Shamrock Rovers man free. He passed square, however, instead of having a shot, and unfortunately his direction was not all that it should be, and a great chance was missed.

Minnock, who was not having a great game, teamed up with Lawlor and O'Mahony in the 21st minute but the move finished with goalkeeper Reilly conceding a corner. Four minutes later, Alston had another shot for the visitors, but Thomas safely gathered the effort.

The League of Ireland went in front in the 26th minute. McGeough sent Minnock away and the Athlone man beat a tackle before sending Hale through from close in and Reilly had no chance of saving.

In the 32nd minute, McGeough, who was wearing the No.7 jersey, but operating for the most part in the middle of the park, sent in a cracking shot from a Matthews back pass. However, the Australian goal keeper brought off a fantastic save at the upright, injuring himself slightly in the effort. Just before the interval, McGeough had to leave the field with a bad ankle injury, giving Kearin the chance to show his paces.

There was a considerable improvement in the play of both sides after the interval. Exchanges were a little more fiery with the Australians obviously anxious for an equaliser and the Irishmen making strenuous efforts to add to their first-half goal. Minnock almost caught the Australian goalkeeper napping in the first minute when he lashed in a low shot but Reilly managed to get down and hold his effort.

In the 53rd minute, Hale easily the best of the home forwards, showed great anticipation when positioning himself for a cross from O'Mahony. He ran through for a shot which Reilly saved and, again, the Australian was slightly injured in the effort.

Two minutes later, Yeager broke down the right wing and crossed to Alston who looked to be in a position to score, but the centre-forward was foiled by Finucane who turned the ball out for a corner.

Minnock, now showing something of the form which gained him a place in the international reserve panel, sent Hale away in the 61st minute and his through pass to Matthews was taken to the back line and crossed into the middle, where Lawlor missed a great opportunity.

Both sides made changes before the end. Richardson came on for O'Mahoney on the Irish team and the Australians then brought on Dublin-born John Doyle for Alston and subsequently replaced Williams, their coloured defender, by Irvine.

In the event, none of the changes served to produce another goal though, in the 80th minute Thomas did well when punching the ball off the head of Denton after an accurate cross from Blues, the Australian right-winger.

League of Ireland - Thomas (Waterford); Bryan (Waterford), Dunning (Shelbourne), Finucane (Limerick), Brennan (Waterford); McGeough (Waterford), O'Mahony (Limerick), Lawlor (Shamrock Rovers); Minnock (Athlone), Hale (Waterford) captain, Matthews (Waterford).

Australian XI - Reilly; Yeager, Williams, Schaefer, Wilson, Richards, Blues, Warren, Alston, MacKay, Denton.

Referee - D.V.Byrne (Dublin)

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
2nd. December 1970, 19.00			Estadio Azteca, Mexico City, Mexico									25000	
Mexico..3 v. Australia..0													
half time, Mexico..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Francisco Castrejon					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Gamaliel Ramirez					14	RB	John Roche				
	LB	Gustavo Pena (c)					3	LB	Peter Wilson				
	RH	Francisco Montes					4	RH	Sandy Irvine				
	CH	Mario Perez					17	CH	Colin "Col" Curran				65
	LH	Luis Estrada					12	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards			87	
	OR	Jesus Prado					8	OR	John Warren (c)				
	IR	Mario Velarde					7	IR	James "Jim" Mackay				
	CF	Raul Gomez	55			57	9	CF	George Blues				
	IL	Pedro Damian					11	IL	Adrian Alston				
	OL	Javier Valdivia	40, 80				10	OL	Michael "Mike" Denton				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Horacio Lopez				57	5		Dennis Yaager				65
Team Coach		Xavier de la Torre					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assist. Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Joint Team Manager		Frank Parsons				
Referee		Abel Aguilar (Mexico)					Joint Team Manager		Ian Brusasco				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 3/12/1970, page 19

The final match of Australia's first world Soccer tour ended in uproar last night with Australian Ray Richards being sent off as Mexico ran out 3-0 winners.

The crowd hurled cushions on to the field when Richards threw the ball into the face of Mexican skipper Gustavo Pena after being roughly tackled, and was given his marching orders.

"That's the way it goes," was Richards' comment later.

Richards said he threw the ball in the face of Pena in the heat of the moment because Pena fouled him twice.

"He hacked me twice in the leg," Richards said.

It was the first time Richards had been sent off.

The incident, four minutes before full time, will be reported to the International Football Federation.

Australian coach Zvonimir Rasic said he believed Richards might be barred from playing in the next one or two international matches in which Australia plays.

Rasic said Mexico's 3-0 win had given the Australians a Soccer lesson.

"We were beaten by a much better team," Rasic said.

"I think the boys should have learned more from tonight's match than from any other on the tour.

"Every one of the Mexican players was part of a very good football machine. They didn't have many chances to score, but when did have chances they took full advantage of them."

Australia had two scoring chances in the first half but Adrian Alston missed by a foot after 36 minutes and Richards's shot in the 42nd minute was saved in fine style by Mexican goalkeeper Pancho Castrejon.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. June 1971, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									16775	
Australia..0 v. England F.A.XI..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. England F.A.XI..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly					1	GK	Peter Grummit				
2	RB	George Keith					2	RB	Peter Hindley				
3	LB	Colin "Col" Curran					3	LB	Peter Wall				
4	RH	Raymond "Ray" Richards					4	RH	Michael "Mike" Keen (c)				
5	CH	Peter Wilson (c)					5	CH	Alan Stephenson				
6	LH	John Watkiss					6	LH	Keith Eddy				
7	OR	George Blues					7	OR	Norman Piper				
8	IR	James "Jim" Rooney					8	IR	Michael Mills				
9	CF	Adrian Alston					9	CF	Christopher "Chris" Chilton				
10	IL	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					10	IL	David "Dave" Watson	52			
11	OL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				X	11	OL	Christopher "Chris" Garland				82
SUBSTITUTES													
		Eric Norman				X			George McVitie				82
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Ron Suart				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic (Australia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/6/1971, page 31

The English Football Association team beat Australia 1-0 at the Sports Ground yesterday, not with any real flair but with the ruthless efficiency of men doing the job they know best. It was back in 1937 that Australia last bested an English representative Soccer team, captained by Bernard Joy.

Joy's players were true-blue amateurs. Yesterday, the 1971 version, the FA professionals, were not about to let it happen again.

Australia's players made a brave effort to bridge the gap that exists, inevitably, between professionals and part-timers.

For that entire first-half, they managed, by sheer effort, to counter the extra yard of pace the Englishmen possess, their intuitive teamwork, and all-round power.

Then the four days' hard training in camp at Dural took its toll on Australian legs, and they weakened under the visitors' sustained pressure.

Yesterday's match was the first of two between the teams. They will clash again in Melbourne next Sunday.

The goal that ended Australia's hopes came seven minutes into the second half, after a tremendous onslaught by the FA forwards.

Chris Garland, the young Bristol City winger, sped away on to a long pass, half a yard in front of Australia's John Watkiss.

Peter Wilson, the Australian skipper, had to make a quick decision. He chose to come to the onrushing Garland, leaving Dave Watson unattended, in the hope of snuffing out the attack.

Garland drew him, glanced the bouncing ball in Watson's path and goalkeeper Jack Reilly, first rushing off his line, then hesitant, was beaten by Watson's drive.

The English forwards never slackened for a moment after the goal, and only desperate, lunging tackles by the tiring defenders prevented them scoring again.

Watson was in the side more by chance than design, though his display left everyone wondering how he could be left out.

He gained his chance through the chest injury suffered by Ken Wagstaffe.

Watson is a big fellow, hard to dispossess on the ground and even more difficult to handle when the ball is in the air. He gave Wilson a torrid time early in the latter's first match as Australia's captain.

But Wilson's problems were nothing compared to goalkeeper Reilly, who had a touch of "the horrors."

Reilly seems to have lost confidence, and one wonders how long coach Rale Rasic can continue to use him on the strength of his fine form on last year's world tour.

There was belligerence in the Australian team yesterday, fire in the players' bellies that did not exist in their appearance for NSW against the Englishmen a fortnight ago.

Full-back George Keith, in his finest performance for years, gave Garland no peace from the time he bowled him over with a scything tackle in the opening minute.

John Watkiss showed he is as good as ever with his lion-hearted defence, while Ray Richards - mainly in a defensive role - Col Curran, Ray Baartz and Jim Rooney all emerged with credit.

Essentially, though, it was a team effort against a foe with greater reserves of stamina than the Australians can hope to have under the present set-up.

The tourists' manager, Ron Suart, afterwards said Australia's players deserved "full credit" for making the match more attractive than the NSW game.

"Your lads moved the ball about well out of defence and in midfield," he said. "But I didn't think there was much up front."

ENGLISH FA 1 (D,Watson) bt AUSTRALIA 0. Crowd: 16,775.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. June 1971,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									12216	
Australia..0 v. England F.A.XI..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. England F.A.XI..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly					1	GK	Peter Grummit				
2	RB	George Keith					2	RB	Peter Hindley				
3	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					3	LB	Peter Wall				
4	RH	John Watkiss					4	RH	Michael "Mike" Keen (c)				
5	CH	Colin "Col" Curran					5	CH	Alan Stephenson				
6	LH	James "Jim" Rooney					6	LH	Keith Eddy				
7	OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					7	OR	Norman Piper				
8	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					8	IR	Michael Mills				
9	CF	George Blues				46	9	CF	Christopher "Chris" Chilton				
10	IL	Adrian Alston					10	IL	David "Dave" Watson	31			
11	OL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi					11	OL	Christopher "Chris" Garland				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Maxwell "Max" Tolson				46							
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Ron Suart				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Geoff Harrison (Australia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, 25/6/1971, page 4 by Lou Gautier

Rale Rasic's Australian players can hold their heads up high after last Sunday's return match against the touring Englishmen.

Whereas in the Sydney match Australia wilted and sunk without trace in the second half, at Melbourne's Olympic Park it was after the interval that Australia came into its own.

So much so that for the first time in my memory it had the Melbourne crowd barracking for them.

The Victorian public in the second half behaved in true home-town fashion, even chanting "Aussies, Aussies", cheering our attacks and roundly booing the visitors as home crowds do all over the world.

The Victorian public's turn-about was the greatest tribute the national team could have asked for.

The Australians fully deserved all the kudos they received.

Showing the benefit of 10 days in camp and assimilating the lessons of the first match, they stretched the visitors from start to finish, so much so that several English defenders had to resort to very rough tactics to keep the Australians out.

Australia's brisk pace, much more open style of play and excellent backing up matched that of the FA XI, and as a result the 15,000 spectators were treated to a real competitive match which held their interest from go to whoa as the result was in doubt right up to fulltime.

Not one spectator left the ground until the final whistle because this Australian team was going all out for the equaliser.

In the last 25 minutes or so, instead of fading as in Sydney, the Aussies were moving, if anything, faster than their rapier-like thrusts in attack and had the English defence in all sorts of bother.

Australia's judicious use of the long ball paved the way for their second half improvement as it was obvious that our attempts at a short-passing game were getting us nowhere against the speedy, hard-tackling Englishmen.

There is little doubt that the inclusion of Max Tolson at centre-forward in the second half contributed largely to the cracks which appeared in the visitors' defence.

Tolson's height and ability to "mix it" and give as much as he took compelled the tourists to have two men on him, allowing the other Australian forwards much more room to operate.

Baartz gratefully accepted this freedom of movement, and in the second half he abandoned his midfield role and three times got good shots in.

Australia's first half display was slightly better than in Sydney where they held their opponents, even though we conceded a 31st minute goal.

This was a heartbreaking goal which could have been avoided, but it didn't break the team's spirit.

It was Australia's fighting comeback which won the hearts of skeptical Victorians who were highly delighted, if surprised, to be treated to a fight to the finish which was anything but an "exhibition" match.

It was more like an English cup tie, played at a fast and furious pace, with no mercy asked or accorded on either side.

I rate this one of our best matches because this was the first time a local side was able to keep up with the tempo of a British team.

Australia played more skilful, attractive football against Greece and Israel on tour last year, but I have never seen them sustain such a killing pace right through 90 minutes before.

The English, naturally, held the edge in individual skills, enjoyed a territorial advantage and had more glaring chances, but Australia, too, had theirs, especially in the second half.

There were practically no failures in the Australian side, only several first-class performers.

Jack Reilly was back at his best and silenced his critics.

Keith was again dominant and held Garland very quiet and Curran played his best game since the match against Luton Town last November.

Peter Wilson was solid right through this time and the master in the air, while John Watkiss, although not as imperial as in Sydney, was as safe under pressure and relieved many tight situations.

Rooney worked tirelessly and grafted cleverly in the midfield, and would come very close to taking out the award of Australian player of the match and Richards wasn't far behind, winning several man-to-man tackling duels.

Baartz had his best international match for sometime and was seen at his attacking best after the interval.
 Blues, I thought, was excellent in the first half and was unlucky to be replaced, although Tolson's inclusion was a master stroke by Rasic.
 Abonyi fought and tackled hard while Alston was his usual industrious, probing self even if the ball never bounced kindly for him.
 I ranked the top six Australian performers in the following order; Keith, Rooney, Wilson, Baartz, Curran and Richards.
 The English, who had to dig deep into their resources to retain their 100 percent record, were competent as always, but theirs was essentially a team effort this time.
 Victorian referee Geoff Harrison penalised the Australians harshly while turning a blind eye on some far more deliberate English fouls.
 Australia: Reilly, Keith, Wilson, Watkiss, Curran, Rooney, Richards, Baartz, Blues (replaced by Tolson second half), Alston, Abonyi.
 English FA: Grummitt, Hindley, Wall, Keen, Stephenson, Eddy, Piper, Mills, Watson, Chilton, Garland.
 Scorer: Watson 31 min.
 Referee: G.Harrison (Vic.)
 Crowd: 15,000.
 These were the minute-by-minute highlights of last Sunday's Australia v. FA international:
 5 min.: Garland is clearly off-side but he is not pulled up. Luckily for Australia his shot sails over the bar.
 9 min.: Goalie Grummitt dives at Alston's feet to cut off a dangerous cross by Blues.
 13 min.: Reilly makes a great save off a point-blank range shot by Watson.
 20 min.: Hindley scrambles the ball for a corner after a solo run by Alston creates confusion in the FA goalmouth.
 25 min.: Richards just a fraction too slow controlling the ball five metres from the goal and Grummitt dives at his feet to save a certain Australian goal. Richards, however, was definitely fouled by the 'keeper.
 31 min.: Chilton centres, Garland lets the ball run and Watson, intercepting a Wilson fumble, almost tears the net with a fierce eight metre drive to score.
 35 min.: A dazzling run by Abonyi only yields a corner when luck saves the beaten 'keeper. Alston kicks over the bar from the ensuing Blues corner.
SECOND HALF
 1 min.: Grummitt dives full-length to smother a low, long shot from Baartz.
 4 min.: Tolson flicks to Baartz, who shoots over the bar.
 7 min.: Wild shot by Piper from clever Garland pass.
 11 min.: Grummitt tested by 25-metre Baartz pile driver.
 17 min.: Great reflex-save by Reilly off 5-metre Chilton shot.
 21 min.: Another stupendous save by Reilly, off Watson this time.
 25 min.: Abonyi shoots weakly from a chipped freekick by Curran.
 37 min.: Chilton spread-eagles the Aussie defence, but shoots wide.
 38 min.: Baartz almost scores with 20-metre speculator which results in a corner. From the corner Alston misses an open goal.
 41 min.: A very dangerous counter-attack breaks down when Garland skies the ball over the bar on one of the very rare occasions he managed to elude Australia's player of the match, George Keith.
 43 min.: Referee Harrison turns a blind eye on a particularly punishing tackle by Hindley on Abonyi, who was almost in the clear.
 44 min.: Baartz is through after a 30-metre dash, but Tolson steps over the ball in a promising position.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. October 1971,			Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland										2500	
Queensland..0 v. Australian XI..0														
half time, Queensland..0 v. Australian XI..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Mark Walker (St.Helens)						GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Geoff Gault (Bardon)						RB	Peter Wilson				X	
	LB	Barry Dann (Thistle)						LB	Michael "Mike" Pye					
	RH	Alex Senjuschenko (Merton)						RH	Raymond "Ray" Richards			55		
	CH	Peter Gemell (St.Helens)						CH	Alan Marnoch					
	LH	Alan Sinclair (Bardon)						LH	James "Jim" Rooney					
	OR	Ian Fagan (Hellenic)						OR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					
	IR	George Whitaker				X		IR	Josip "Joe" Alagich				X*	
	CF	Peter Walker (Hellenic)						CF	Adrian Alston					
	IL	Jim Arncliffe (Thistle)						IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson					
	OL	Trevor Jones						OL	Alan Ainslie					
SUBSTITUTES														
		Tony Murtagh (Merton East)				X			William "Ernie" Campbell				X	
									Greg Byles				X*	
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		Des Miles												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from Soccer World, 22/10/1971, Volume 14, Number 40, page 3

History repeated itself in Brisbane last Sunday when Queensland held the Australian squad to a scoreless draw at Perry Park.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 18/10/1971, page 17

A team of NSW members of the Australian Soccer squad, in training for next month's three-match series against Israel, was held to a scoreless draw by Queensland in Brisbane yesterday.

The match was the first of several warm-up games the Australians will play before meeting Israel on November 14.

Australia's international half-back Ray Richards was sent off in the 55th minute of yesterday's game.

Playing with 10 men in the last 35 minutes, the squad team was hard pressed to keep Queensland out.

Australian coach Rasic was not unduly disturbed by the result, as half the players had not had match practice for six weeks.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. October 1971,													
New South Wales U-21..? v. Australian XI..?													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
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SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. October 1971,			Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, Sydney, New South Wales									2000	
APIA / Marconi XI..2 v. Australian XI..5													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
								RB	George Harris				
								LB	Wright				
								RH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
		Johnny Giacommetti						CH	Peter Wilson				
								LH	James "Jim" Rooney				
								OR	Josip "Joe" Alagich				
		Danny McKinnon	X, X					IR	William "Ernie" Campbell				
								CF	Maxwell "Max" Tolson	X, X			
								IL	Michael "Mike" Pye				X
								OL	Maurice Sullivan	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Adrian Alston				X
									Terry Butler	X, X			X*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
30th. October 1971, 15.00				Wentworth Park, Sydney, New South Wales										420	
Western Suburbs..0 v. Australian XI..3															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
									Maxwell "Max" Tolson	X(pk)					
									Raymond "Ray" Baartz	X(pk)					
									William "Ernie" Campbell	X					
SUBSTITUTES															
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
							Team Trainer								
Team Manager							Team Manager								
Referee															
Linesman															
Linesman															

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. November 1971,			Lang Park, Brisbane, Queensland									5040	
Australia..2 v. Israel..2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Israel..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Roger Romanowicz					GK	Itzhak Visoker					
	RB	George Harris					RB	Shraga Bar					
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					LB	Menachem Bello		62			
	RH	Frank Micic					RH	Yisha'ayahu Schwager					
	CH	Adrian Alston	72				CH	Zvi Rosen					
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney					LH	Yitzhak Shum					
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay					OR	Yehoshua Gal					X
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					IR	Mordechai Spiegler (c)	63				
	CF	William "Bill" Vojtek					CF	Yehoshua Feigenbaum					
	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson	19				IL	Aharon "Roni" Kalderon	11				
	OL	Alan Ainslie					OL	Giorgio "George" Borba					
SUBSTITUTES													
								Yehuda Shaharabani					X
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				Team Coach		Edmond Schmilovich					
						Team Trainer							
Team Manager						Team Manager							
Referee		Vince Dobinson											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Itzhak Visoker is also shown as Itzik Vissoker, Yitzhak Wissoker and Yitzhak Visoker. Menachem Bello is also shown as Menahem Belo and Menachem Bellow. Zvi Rosen is also shown Tzvi Rozen. Shmuel Rosenthal is also shown as Shmuel Rozental. Rachamim Talbi is also shown as Rahamim Talbiev and Rahamim Talbi. Yehoshua Feigenbaum is also shown as Yoshua Faigenbaum, Yeoshua Feigenboim, Yehushua Feigenboim and Jehoshua Faygenbaum. Yisha'ayahu Schwager is also shown as Yeshahiyau Schwager, Yhsyahu Schweger and Jeszaja Szwagier. Yitzhak Shum is also shown as Itzhak Shum and Yitzhak Shoum. Yehoshua Gal is also shown as Joshua Gal. Yohanan Vollach is also shown as Yochanan Wallach. Ninio Shlomo is als shown as Ninio Zhlomo. Mordechai Spiegler is also shown as Mordechay Spiegler, Mordecai Shpiegler and Mordechai Shpigler.

match report from Soccer World, 19/11/1971, page 2 by Lou Gautier

Australia came from behind twice to draw 2-2 with Israel in the opening match of the Australian tour at Lang Park, Brisbane, last Thursday week.

But for two careless, uncharacteristic mistakes in defence, some hurried shooting and plain bad luck, Australia should have beaten Israel very convincingly.

The Israli camp readily admitted this and coach Edmond Shmilovich was one-hundred percent right to say after the match that only the result had pleased him.

Apart from the opening 15 minutes, when Australia, as is now the alarming custom, started shakily, and the five minutes that followed Israel's against the run of play second goal, it was all Australia.

I have never seen an Australian national team play better - even on last year's triumphant tour.

On the 1970 tour, Australia achieved its triumphs, including the 1-0 win against Israel, through tight defence and the occasional well-mounted breakaway.

In Brisbane, Australia reached hitherto unscaled heights in technique, improvisation, mobility and incisive, direct forward play.

Although fullbacks Harris and Alston were among the brightest stars of the match, this was the first game I have seen Australia play where the strikers and linkman outshone the defenders.

As a result, the crowd was treated to Australia's most spectacular-ever attacking display, and how they loved it!

What the Lang Park crowd lacked in quantity, it made up in quality and the national team played to tumultuous roars of encouragement.

Only the woodwork and some superb goalkeeping by Iszhak Visoker stood between Australia and the victory they deserved.

Visoker performed heroically between the sticks and saved at least two sure goals while he was saved by the crossbar on one occasion when he appeared well and truly beaten by Vojtek's fierce drive.

For long periods the visitors were all but swamped by the fluent Australian attacks and perfect understanding of our midfield trio.

Australia, as expected, were also much fitter, but for once this was not the only deciding factor - skill also was.

The Israelis were understandably at a big disadvantage as it was their first competitive match for months and their first on foreign soil a mere 48 hours after a long 5,000 mile trip.

We don't subscribe to the theory that the visitors were unduly rough, or that they wasted time.

They played exactly as we would have had we been in their position, clinging to a draw in the last minutes of an international on foreign soil.

Kalderon and especially Bello however, overdid the rough stuff at times, and were lucky to strike so lenient a referee as Vince Dobinson.

Under the circumstances no wonder the Israelis were delighted with the result - precisely as we would have been had we managed to draw on tour last year, say, with Mexico, whose domination at the Azteca,

however, wasn't nearly as great as Australia's over Israel in Brisbane.

Israel were only ever really dangerous on dead balls.

Shpigler's cornerkicks and freekicks seemed to mesmerise the Aussie defence, particularly goalie Roger Romanowicz.

Uncertain in the opening stages, mainly because it took Peter Wilson a fair while to find his bearings, the Australian defence tightened considerably in the second half.

It was a tragedy that its only second half blunder, a "joint effort", so to speak, by Wilson and Romanowicz, had to result in the goal that put Israel ahead 2-1.

These were the highlights of the incident-packed match played at breakneck speed throughout:

7th min.: Shpigler and Feigenbaum combine in the midfield and send Borba away, but the left winger shoots over the bar.

11th minute: Australia concedes a corner which Shpigler takes. His swerving shot is nudged in by Kalderon, exploiting a gap between Romanowicz and Alston. AUSTRALIA 0 ISRAEL 1

12th minute: Another Shpigler corner creates danger as Romanowicz drops the high ball.

15 min.: Yet another Israel corner. Borba slams the ball a good four metres wide of the mark with a first-time volley.

18 min.: Baartz' pass finds the unmarked Tolson who heads straight at Visoker when he had ample time to "pick" his spot.

19 min.: No mistake by Tolson this time. After Rooney's shot had been only partially blocked, Tolson's left-foot drive gave Visoker no chance for a great equaliser. AUSTRALIA 1 ISRAEL 1

24 min.: Tolson gets to an Ainslie cross too late with the Israeli goal unguarded.

25 min.: Shpigler, the deadball master, forces Romanowicz to palm a 30-metre freekick over the bar for a corner.

30 min.: A great solo run by Rooney down the right flank. When he gets to the corner flag, he sends in a curly inswinger which the startled Visoker can only tip over the bar.

31 min.: Tolson breaks away and heads for goal when referee Dobinson stops play for an imaginary foul which enrages the crowd.

34 min.: Dobinson is booed again when he allows Faigenbaum to proceed after he clearly touched the ball. Luckily for Australia, Mackay's diving tackle dispossesses the Israeli striker only 20 metres from goal.

35 min.: Shpigler spreads confusion in the Aussie defence with another corner-kick which Romanowicz drops again.

36 min.: A breathtaking mazy solo run by Wojtek, who twists and turns round five defenders before his fierce drive is tipped over the bar by Visoker's reflex save.

37 min.: Another superb save from the overworked Israeli 'keeper - off Rooney this time.

40 min.: The irresistible Wojtek gives half a dozen Israelis the run-around in another dazzling run, but after taking on the entire defence his full-blooded drive crashes on the bar with Visoker beaten all ends up.

SECOND HALF

50 min.: Alston overlaps brilliantly and sends in a powerful shot from 18 metres which Visoker saves acrobatically.

56 min.: Wojtek hits the outside netting after accepting a neat Ainslie cross.

59 min.: Baartz's turn to test the Israeli custodian with a sudden, low shot.

60 min.: The crowd is on its feet as Tolson, Ainslie and Baartz combine deftly before transmitting the ball to Wojtek, who shoots straight at Visoker.

62 min.: Bello, who is being turned inside-out by the diabolical Wojtek, has his name taken for cutting Wojtek down violently. The Croatia star will limp slightly for the rest of the match.

63 min.: Completely against the run of the play, right in the midst of total Australian domination Peter Wilson doliies a weak clearance to an Israeli forward, whose not particularly hard shot is only partially saved by Romanowicz. Shpigler, lurking in the penalty box, lobs the ball into the empty goal. AUSTRALIA 1 ISRAEL 2.

72 min.: A speedy breakaway by Alston nets Australia the equaliser. Before anyone can lay a hand on him, "Noddy" has the ball in the Israeli net with a low drive from 18 metres, which was deflected en route.

AUSTRALIA 2 ISRAEL 2.

75 min.: Baartz' 20-metre low shot is just wide.

80 min.: Australia have two huge opportunities in less than a minute to win the match, but both are fluffed by Ainslie, who throws away the chance to become a hero in his first international appearance.

A defence-splitting move involving five Aussies finishes on Ainslie who shoots wide only six metres from an empty net. About 45 seconds later Ainslie just has to push the ball over the line, but seems paralysed and Zvi Rosen charges across to clear off his line.

84 min.: Wojtek forces a corner from an Ainslie freekick, takes it himself and his inswinger is headed goalwards by Tolson, but Visoker fists the ball out under considerable pressure.

88 min.: Ainslie's cross finds Micic on the other wing. The classy midfielder dribbles around Bar. The ball goes over the line, but the referee doesn't give Australia a clear-cut corner.

Australia: Romanowicz, Harris, Wilson, Micic, Alston, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Wojtek, Tolson, Ainslie.

Israel: Visoker, Bar, Bello, Shum, Rosen, Schwager, Gal (Shaarabani), Kalderon, Faigenbaum, Shpigler, Borba.

Scorers: Tolson 19 min. and Alston 72 min. for Australia; Kalderon 11min. and Spiegler 63 min. for Israel.

Referee: V.Dobinson (Q'ld.).

Crowd: 5,000

Date & Time			Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance	
14th. November 1971, 16.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									11282	
Australia..1 v. Israel..0													
half time, Australia..1 v. Israel..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
22	GK	Roger Romanowicz						GK	Itzhak Visoker				
	RB	George Harris						RB	Shraga Bar				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Menachem Bello				
	RH	Frank Micic						RH	Yitzhak Shum				
	CH	Adrian Alston						CH	Zvi Rosen				
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney						LH	Yisha'ayahu Schwager				38
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	Aharon "Roni" Kalderon				
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						IR	Yehuda Shaharabani				
	CF	William "Bill" Vojtek						CF	Yehoshua Feigenbaum				
	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson						IL	Mordechai "Motaleh" Spiegler (c)				
	OL	Alan Ainslie	12					OL	Giorgio "George" Borba				46
SUBSTITUTES													
									Gavriel Rozendorn				38
									Shlomo Ninio				46
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Edmond Schmilovich				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, 19/11/1971, page 3 by Paul Dean

A few minutes after the start of the match last Sunday, Napoleon's famous quip to his pleading soldiers, dying in the snow of Russia, came into mind; "You bastards, do you want to live for ever?"

One wondered if all 22 players on the field will come through the ordeal with their limbs intact; if diplomatic relations between Australia and Israel would survive the unbearable strain.

Some of the more hair-raising moments would have done justice to a conflict over the Suez Canal where it's traditionally impossible to define who is the aggressor and who is the victim.

I guess it would seem unduly pedantic to complain about the lack of spectacle; after all, Australia won and, they say, this is what football is all about.

Had this been a World Cup elimination match where victory counts above anything else, this view could be justified.

But in a game where we are supposed to take stock of our prowess and resources, slightly different yardsticks must be applied.

The disturbing feature of Sunday's match was that, once again, Australia sank back to the good old days of guts-and-blood type of football.

We all know that "physical football" is here to stay; that apart from the divinely gifted Brazilians, no other team in the world dares to take the field without gritting their teeth in real or mock anger.

We also realise that Australia's forte has been and will be the more athletic qualities; toughness, speed, stamina, etc.

But surely, after six years of international contact, we would have the right to expect a bit more than that.

Alas, the Sydney public saw precious little of that "bit more."

With the exception of a few fleeting moments, Australia's display was no more than "gutsy."

Oh sure, they were dead keen to win and were clearly prepared to risk life and limb on the altar of this sacred goal - but in the process they overlooked the basic need to play constructive football.

A rich measure of personal and collective feuds provided the background to this tense, nervous and bad-tempered encounter.

Actually, the first 10 minutes were little better than a street fight.

Tolson, clearly having been instructed to upset and torment the Israel defence, did just that, using his considerable strength, plus elbows, in the early exchanges.

Rosen, Schwager, Kalderon and Bello quickly took up the challenge, and from then on the war was on.

Referee Tony Boskovic had to have eyes like Marty Feldman to focus on the ball as well as the constant sidekicks and ankle taps; his whistle shrieked incessantly either to tame the bullocking Tolson, or the infuriated and retaliating Israelis.

These conditions were simply not conducive to good football and, of course, we saw little of it.

Australia were hellbent on winning, regardless of the price or consequences - and this, in itself, should be a praiseworthy motive.

But football skill was relegated to secondary importance - and this, even in a tense international, is unforgivable.

During the whole 90 minutes Australia launched only three or four well-conceived, modern attacking moves.

Israel, once they calmed down a bit, were more constructive in the midfield.

The commanding figure of Shum and the elusive, elegant and cool Shpigler managed to mount more combinatoric attacks, especially on the right wing, where Shaarabani proved too much for an ebullient but shaky Alston.

Apart from Ainslie's superb goal in the 12th minute, a fierce, dipping shot, Australia had only one real chance in the first half, in the 41st minute when Baartz finished a good move with a weak shot.

However, with a little luck Israel could have had two goals by then: in the 35th minute Faigenbaum, four minutes later Shpigler shot wide in good scoring positions.

Eleven minutes into the second half only Wilson's sangfroid saved Australia when he threw himself into Shum's close shot, with Romanowicz well beaten.

Between the 20th and 23rd minutes Australia had three great moments, but the chances were not taken. Baartz's freekick, aimed at the upper far corner, was somehow saved by the brilliant Visoker and Tolson's header went just wide. Then it was again Israel's turn. In the 76th minute Faigenbaum failed to connect with a low cross two metres from the goal and five minutes later Shpigler's header came back from the crossbar. The last few minutes were again Australia's. In the 87th minute Ainslie broke through but shot prematurely and wide. One minute from full-time Tolson was brought down inside the box but referee Boskovic, bending over backwards, refused to give a penalty. Those who judge a match simply and purely by the result must have been pleased; Australia won. After all, it's vitally important for us to learn and practise beating Israel with whom we are destined to come to grips again in the World Cup. But the way this victory was achieved could not have pleased either coach Rale Rasic, the players, or the spectators. To start with, there was an element of luck involved; Israel had more real chances than we did and without Ainslie's great goal, the match would have certainly ended in a stalemate. The Sydney match also revealed that this new Australian team must either improve or undergo structural changes to be a World Cup "certainty". Israel disappointed in two regards; they allowed themselves to be provoked to the border of nervous breakdown and they can't shoot. Had all the Israelis kept their cool, as did Shpigler, Shum and a few others, it's likely that they would have drawn this match. They had enough chances to convert at least one or two into goals, but their shooting power was pathetic. Whether this Australian team really has more potential than last year's, as claimed by many after the Brisbane match, has yet to be confirmed. I would tend to believe that the team's elan and gutsiness wouldn't suffer if we had one or two more ballplayers instead of courageous athletes. Referee Boskovic had an unenviable task to keep the game under reasonable control. The "home town refereeing" charge against him raised by the Israelis, was most unfair. Actually, he would have been justified to award Australia a penalty at the end when Tolson was unceremoniously upended. That he had to stop the game so often for fouls behind the ball wasn't of his own making; indeed, it speaks highly for his eagle eyes that he spotted those vicious little fouls which most spectators had missed. Australia: Romanowicz, Harris, Wilson, Micic, Alston, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Vojtek, Tolson, Ainslie. Israel: Visoker, Bar, Bello, Shum, Rosen, Schwager (Rozendorn 38 min.), Kalderon, Shpigler, Shaarabani, Faigenbaum, Borba (Ninio, halftime). Scorer: Ainslie, 12 min. Referee: A.Boskovic. Crowd: 13,500.

on 17th November there was a challenge match between Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs..0 v. Israel..2.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
21st. November 1971,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									9639	
Australia..1 v. Israel..3													
half time, Australia..0 v. Israel..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Roger Romanowicz						GK	Itzhak Visoker				
	RB	George Harris						RB	Shraga Bar				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Menachem Bello				
	RH	Frank Micic				73		RH	Shlomo Ninio				
	CH	Adrian Alston						CH	Zvi Rosen (c)	15			
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney						LH	Gavriel Rozendorn				
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	Yehuda Shaharabani	46, 84			
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	87					IR	Yehoshua Feigenbaum				
	CF	William "Bill" Vojtek						CF	Aharon "Roni" Kalderon				
	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				73*		IL	Yitzhak Shum				
	OL	Alan Ainslie						OL	Giorgio "George" Borba				X
SUBSTITUTES													
		William "Ernie" Campbell				73			Mordechai Spiegler				X
		Brian Turner				73*							
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Edmond Schmilovich				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Roger Lamb											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 22/11/1971, page 21

A fit and well acclimatised Israel national soccer team restored its reputation with a clear 3-1 win over Australia in the final game of a three-match international series, at Olympic Park yesterday.

The win enabled Israel to draw the series. It had gone down 0-1 to Australia last week in Sydney, and had only managed a 2-2 draw in Brisbane 10 days ago.

Playing with determination Israel matched Australia's greater physical strength, and took full advantage of its technical superiority.

Skipper Zvi Rosen, in defence, and 19-year-old centre-forward Ronnie Kalderon, in attack, were Israel's match winners. They dominated every phase of play, and their clever passing was the deciding factor.

Tosen opened Israel's account with a powerful header, and Kalderon laid on all his team's goals.

The Australians fought valiantly, and were in the game at all times, but lacked leadership and team cohesion - a quality which can only come from playing together.

With its reputation at stake, Israel took firm control of the game from the kick-off. It dictated the tempo with crisp and accurate passing in midfield and with quick raids on the wings.

Israel did not relinquish the initiative. The Australian players eventually became frustrated and over-anxious and, in this state of mind, they frittered away several goal-scoring chances.

At 15 minutes Kalderon collected a short corner kick and crossed on the right wing. Rosen jumped high to head home for Israel's first goal.

Australia had a great chance to equalise from a Baartz free kick which finished at the feet of striker Max Tolson, but his attempt rebounded off the crossbar with Israel's goalkeeper, Vissoker, well beaten.

Israel went further ahead in the first minute of the second half and this goal completely demoralised the Australians.

Kalderon sent a slicing cross from the right wing and caught defenders Wilson and Allston flatfooted; Shaarabain collected and shot at goal.

Australia fought back tirelessly, only for erratic shooting to deprive it of a deserved goal.

At 84 minutes Israel scored again, this time completely against the run of play. Kalderon square-passed from the baseline on the right wing to Shaarabain, who headed home from point blank range.

Australia's consolation goal came two minutes later, and it was the most spectacular goal of the day. Ray Baartz surprised Vissoker with a hard, 30-yard snap shot.

Israel's elated coach, Edmond Shmilovitch said: "I knew we could win if we did not get involved in rough play. That's what we did today, particularly in the first half, when we played really good football".

Australia's coach, Ziv Rasic, conceding that Israel fully deserved to win, said: "They were superior to us in skill, and dominated".

ISRAEL 3 (Rosen, Shaarabain 2) defeated AUSTRALIA 1 (Baartz).

ISRAEL: Vissoker; Bar, Bello; Nimio, Rosen, Rosendrom; Shaarabain, Faigenbaum, Kalderon, Shum, Borba. BEST: Kalderon, Rosen, Shaarabain.

AUSTRALIA: Romanowicz; Harris, Wilson; Micic, Alston, McKay; Rooney, Baartz, Vojtek, Tolson, Ainsley. (Campbell, Turner) BEST: Vojtek, McKay, Rooney, Baartz.

1972

Dundee Football Club was founded in 1893. It was formed after a merger between clubs Dundee East End and Dundee Our Boys in order to apply for the Scottish Football League. Within a decade they had become a major force in Scottish football, finishing as league runners-up three times in the 1900's, and finished the decade as Scottish Cup winners in 1910. They would remain a major side in Scottish football before a decline in the 1930's. After World War II the club experienced a revival in the late 1940's and 1950's with another runners-up in the Scottish League and consecutive Scottish League Cup wins in 1952 and 1953. In 1962 Dundee won the Scottish Football League title and reached the semi-finals of the 1962-63 European Cup. The club has a long-standing rivalry with fellow Dundee side Dundee United, who are situated on the same street.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. May 1972,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia									6000	
Australian XI..1 v. Dundee (Scotland)..2													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Dundee..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Roger Romanowicz						GK	Michael "Mike" Hewitt				
	RB	George Harris						DF	Robert "Bobby" Wilson				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	David "Davie" Johnston				
	RH	John Watkiss						MF	Robert "Bobby" Robinson				
	CH	Bobby Hogg						DF	Iain Phillip				
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	Douglas "Doug" Houston				
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						FW	Jimmy Wilson	3			
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						FW	John Gray				68
	CF	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi						FW	George "Gordon" Wallace				
	IL	Adrian Alston	27					FW	John "Jocky" Scott	18			
	OL	William "Bill" Vojtek						FW	Ian Scott				
SUBSTITUTES													
								FW	John Duncan				68
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		David White				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Don Campbell											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 15, Number 19, 26/5/1972, page 2 by Lou Gautier

Two enormous blunders by South Australian goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz gave Dundee FC a win they didn't deserve against an Australian XI in Adelaide last Wednesday week.

The scoreline reads 2-1 for the tourists, but it should have been Australia 1, Dundee FC 0.

Australia did everything to score its first win since Federation against a British team, and would have achieved the victory they so richly deserved but for Romanowicz' catastrophic lapses.

The match was only three minutes old when Romanowicz, under no pressure whatsoever, punched a corner kick by right-winger Jimmy Wilson into his own net - with both fists!

His shattered team-mates had barely recovered from the demoralising lapse when the unfortunate 'keeper struck another blow for Dundee.

In the 18th minute he came out to collect an innocuous centre, but scooped the ball straight to Jockey Scott, who, believing all his Sundays had come at once, tapped the ball into the net for an unreal 2-0 lead.

The match had started disastrously for the Australians, who could ill afford to give away any goals against polished professional opponents.

To their everlasting credit, however, they picked themselves up, literally, from the floor and went on to turn in a heart-warming performance, which, with just an ounce of luck, could have ended in a 2-2 draw.

As it was, Australia had to be content with Adrian Alston's 27th minute goal, a superb header from a corner kick by Billy Vojtek, which Jim Mackay had deflected to "Noddy", also with his head despite the height of the Scottish defenders packed in their goalmouth.

Alston's goal and Australia's magnificent fightback against adversity had the effect to swing the small crowd which had braved the wintry, rainy Adelaide night, right behind Australia.

The fully committed, vociferous support the Adelaide crowd gave the national team knocked for six the theory that Australia meets with hostility or indifference whenever it plays outside Sydney.

The reaction of the South Australian fans was similar to that of the Brisbane crowd against Israel last year and proves that the national team can, and will, rally national support if it plays well.

The gallant Australians deserved every bit of the encouragement they received as their display was on a par with the 2-2 draw with Israel last year as their best display on Australian soil.

Dundee were the first surprised that few, if any, Australians paled in comparison with their players where individual skill was concerned.

The inclusion of ball-playing elements like Jim Rooney and Bobby Hogg, surely permanent national team fixtures for many more years, has added that touch of class and creativity which was missing from former Australian sides.

The Australian team now need no longer live by guts and determination alone - an encouraging prospect for the tough World Cup qualifying matches ahead.

Sure, some of the Australians' passing was sloppy and many passes went to the opposition, but they were not alone in this respect as Dundee's passing left a lot also to be desired - especially midway through the second half when play was scrappy for about 25 minutes.

The Australians tired a little towards the end and allowed Dundee to finish on top of them after a dozen or so irresponsible youths had invaded the pitch with a Union Jack, and interrupted play for two minutes before the local constabulary proceeded to tackle them rugby fashion.

Until then Australia had more scoring chances and had treated the crowd to some delightful moves which deserved a better fate.

Mike Hewitt, the Dundee goalie, saved a long hard shot by Hogg in the 5th minute, then had to dive full-length to smother Mackay's 23rd minute drive, and he was lucky four minutes later that Ray Baartz' 35-metre freekick only missed by centimetres.

Baartz also missed a goal, again by next to nothing, with a powerful header in the 60th minute while John Watkiss almost slammed home the equaliser with a 77th minute volley which was deflected for a corner.

Watkiss also had the ball plucked from his menacing head by the goalie seven minutes from the end.

Australia "won" the corners 11-9, but the Scots, too, did have some chances, though less than the locals.

Their best opportunity came in the 65th minute when Jocky Scott hit the upright after a defence-splitting pass from his namesake, Iain Scott, and they were perhaps unlucky not to get a penalty nine minutes later when Wallace was unceremoniously upended in the box.

Bobby Hogg was the Australian XI's best performer. A smash hit in his international debut, he was the perfect modern fullback, who turns defence into attack in a split second.

Not far behind him came Peter Wilson, who hasn't filled the stopper's role better since his highly successful 1970 world tour.

Jim Rooney and Jim Mackay displayed every facet of their individual skills, but slightly marred their otherwise first-class performances with some bad distribution while George Harris, after a hesitant start, became the crowd's second half idol with paralysing bursts down the flank.

Adrian Alston was easily the best striker, and one of the best players on the field, coming out on top of several direct confrontations and always lurking around the 16 metres.

Ray Baartz, though still not the Baartz of old, was dangerous with his shooting and heading and Atilla Abonyi carried a big second half work load and won applause by dribbling past his fullback to lay on excellent centres.

Dundee, who lacked finishing power, but played attractive football based on rapid breakaways, were best served by goalie Hewitt, David Johnson, Doug Houston, will-o-the-wisps wingers Jimmy Wilson and Iain Scott, and especially Jocky Scott, their best player on the night.

Australian XI: Romanowicz, Harris, Wilson, Watkiss, Hogg, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Abonyi, Alston, Vojtek.

Dundee FC: Hewitt, B.Wilson, Johnston, Robinson, Phillip, Houston, J.Wilson, Gray (Duncan 68 min.), Wallace, J.Scott, I.Scott.

Scorers: J.Wilson 3 min., J.Scott 18 min. for Dundee; Alston 27 min. for the Australian XI.

Dundee also had the following challenge matches.

14th.May 1979 Victoria..2 v. Dundee..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria

20th.May 1979 A.C.T. ..1 v. Dundee..9 at Manuka Oval, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

21st.May 1979 Queensland..0 v. Dundee..9 in Brisbane, Queensland

24th.May 1979 Northern Rivers XI..1 v. Dundee..16 in Lismore, New South Wales

28th.May 1979 New South Wales..1 v. Dundee..6 at Sydney Sports Ground, Sydney, New South Wales

Formed as St. Luke's F.C. in 1877, they merged with the football section of a local cricket club called Blakenhall Wanderers to form Wolverhampton Wanderers in August 1879. Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club has played at Molineux Stadium since 1889. The club was one of the founding members of the Football League in 1888. "Wolves" have won the FA Cup four times; 1892-93, 1907-08, 1948-49 and 1959-60. They won the Football League First Division in 1953-54, 1957-58 and 1958-59. In 1971-72 season they were runners-up in the UEFA Cup.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. June 1972, 15.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria										10269	
Australia..1 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers (England)..0														
half time, Australia..0 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers..0														
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	RB	George Harris						DF	Bernard Shaw					
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	RH	Manfred Schaefer						MF	Daniel "Danny" Hegan					
	CH	Bobby Hogg				55		DF	Francis "Frank" Munro				46	
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards						DF	John McAlle					
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						MF	James "Jim" McCalliog					
	IR	James "Jim" Rooney						FW	Alan Sunderland					
	CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						FW	Hugh Curran					
	IL	Adrian Alston				55*		FW	Derek Dougan					
	OL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	84					MF	Stephen "Steve" Daley				70	
SUBSTITUTES														
		Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus				55		DF	Gerard "Gerry" Taylor				46	
		William "Bill" Vojtek				55*		FW	David "Dave" Wagstaffe				70	
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Sammy Chung					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		Roger Lamb												
Linesman														
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match report from The Age, 12/6/1972, page 21 by Laurie Schwab

Ray Richards and Manfred Schaefer are the toast of Australian soccer after leading the national team to a 1-0 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers at Olympic Park yesterday. By turning back every attack Wolves launched, Richards and Schaefer gave Australia its first victory over an English first division team.

Although opposed to Irish international Derek Dougan and Scottish international Hugh Curran, it was the two brilliant Australians who looked more like world-class players. Australia's goal was scored in the 85th minute by Attila Abonyi, after a mistake by Wolverhampton's defence.

Wolves' half-back John McAlle attempted an unwise back-pass to his goalkeeper, Philip Parkes, but Jim Rooney raced in from behind and hooked the ball to Abonyi, who faced an open goal. The goal made Wolves the first victims of Australia's preparation for the World Cup elimination rounds in Sydney and Melbourne next year.

Wolves and Australia clash again today in Sydney and according to Wolves' coach Sammy Chung it will be a different story this time.

"I can assure you there will be more effort in the second match," he said last night.

"I am bitterly disappointed at the way the boys played. Nevertheless, Australia should not have scored that goal. Our keeper touched the ball no more than five times during the second half."

Australia's coach, Zvonimir Rasic, was ecstatic.

"It was a great team performance, considering the calibre of our opposition," he said.

"Our defence, especially Richards and Schaefer, played brilliantly, but I take nothing away from the forwards, who chased the ball back into defence for the full 90 minutes.

Rasic said Victorians Billy Vojtek and Jimmy Mackay would not be playing in today's match.

They would remain in Melbourne to play for their club, Croatia, in today's State League round.

Their replacements would be probably be Billy Rogers, formerly of the Melbourne club, and Terry Butler.

In yesterday's match Wolves looked nothing like a team capable of reaching the UEFA cup final.

Dougan, from whom so much has been expected, was soundly beaten by Schaefer and Richards.

Full back Derek Parkin, described by Chung as a likely member of England's World Cup squad, was inconspicuous, and Scottish international Francis Munro, was one of the few players who showed true class, was replaced at half time.

In the first half, Australia matched the aimless Wolves in all departments except attack, where the Australians either hesitated too long or tried to break the defence with an exaggerated series of short passes.

Wolves improved in the second half but although they had Australia pegged back in its own half for long periods, they could find no way around Richards and Schaefer.

Australia attacked only in breakaways during this period and could have scored in the 54th minute when an attack instigated by Schaefer put Adrian Alston in good position.

However, Alston only grazed the ball and sent it inches wide.

In the 83rd minute, Abonyi broke through and split the defence with a square pass to Billy Vojtek, who had replaced Alston.

However, Vojtek connected badly and his header went wide.

In an attempt to add bite to his team's attack, Chung sent David Wagstaffe in to replace Stephen Daley in the 73rd minute but the move had no effect.

AUSTRALIA 1 (A.Abonyi 85th minute) d. WOLVES 0

Best - Australia: R.Richards, M.Schaefer, G.Harris, J.Rooney. Wolverhampton Wanderers: D.Hegan, J.McCalliog, B.Shaw.

TEAMS:- Australia (4-3-3 formation); Reilly, Harris, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg (Nyskohus 56th m.), Richards, Mackay, Rooney, Baartz, Alston (Vojtek 56th), Abonyi.

Wolverhampton Wanderers: (4-4-2); Parkes, Shaw, Munro (Taylor halftime), McAlle, Parkin, McCalliog, Hegan, Sunderland, Daley (Wagstaffe 73rd), Curran, Dougan.

match report from Soccer World, 16/6/1972, page 7 by Lou Gautier

Soccer history was made in Melbourne last Sunday when the Australian national team beat Wolverhampton 1-0 at Olympic Park.

The win, Australia's first against an English professional side, sent the 10,500 spectators wild with delight.

Veteran Melbourne observers claim there has never been a louder or a more sustained roar at an international soccer match in Victoria than when the whole crowd jumped to its feet to acclaim Attila Abonyi's 84th minute goal.

So, after having conquered Brisbane (against Israel last year) and Adelaide (on May 17 against Dundee), it was the turn of the critical Melbourne fans to become unconditional supporters of the national team which now truly belongs to soccer fans everywhere, no matter where the players come from.

The Melbourne result was another tactical triumph for coach Rale Rasic, who laid the foundations for the historical win by reconstituting the defensive axis of Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer and Ray Richards, which had been the cornerstone of many successes on the 1970 world tour.

To stand a chance against a team of Wolverhampton's calibre it was obvious Australia had to have a well organised, tight defence, with a competent sweeper who had been painfully absent from the NSW side hammered by Dundee two weeks earlier.

Rasic knew better than to risk suicide with a so-called "attacking" policy.

If Wolves had been good enough on the day it should have been up to the English professionals to take the initiative - as most of their predecessors had done, with varying degrees of success in the past.

As it turned out, Wolverhampton had a poor match. To put it mildly, they were well and truly disappointing.

The Australians, shedding their complexes, grew bolder as the game progressed.

Defences were well on top and it wasn't only Australia which operated with at times only one forward up front (Baartz).

The Wolves seldom ventured into attack in packs. What we saw were lone raids by Derek Dougan or Hugh Curran, which were broken up by the crunching tackles of the Aussie defenders before they came too close to Jack Reilly's goal.

Wild shooting by the Wolverhampton forwards was also responsible for relieving the pressure on the Australian defence on the few occasions they managed to evade their local guards.

Australia's first anxious moment came in the 17th minute when Jim McCalliog hit the outside netting with Wolves' first shot of the match.

In the 32nd minute Reilly tipped Daniel Hegan's drive acrobatically over the bar and from the resulting corner-kick Jim Rooney cleared near the line.

Five minutes later a low 20-metre shot by McCalliog was just wide to Reilly's right and in the 50th minute Derek Dougan, for once getting past Schaefer, shot wildly over the bar.

In the 61st minute Australia had a lucky escape when Ray Richards almost scored an own goal, the ball bouncing off his shoulder - luckily straight into Reilly's outstretched arms.

A minute later Reilly made a great save off John McAlle, then Dougan's header went over the bar before Harris saved off the Australian line in the 75th minute.

Australia had the first corner of the match in the 12th minute and Baartz was knocked down in the penalty box in the ensuing confusion.

A great Australian move started by George Harris almost let us in the 19th minute but Harris' cross went begging, although three Australian forwards were unmarked 12 metres from Parkes' goal.

In the 23rd minute Baartz' corner kick beat everybody, but hit the upright.

In the 33rd minute Harris again launched a lightning-fast breakaway, but Munro got the ball away just in time from Baartz' feet.

Nine minutes before halftime Jim Mackay impeded Baartz, standing alone eight metres out and a great chance was missed.

Baartz shot wide just on halftime after gathering Richards' long throw-in.

In the 52nd minute a brilliant "1-2" between Mackay and Alston ripped the Wolves' defence to shreds but Alston's shot was weak.

Then in the 84th minute, glory!

McAlle collected a loose pass, but with Rooney snapping at his heels, was forced to backpass to his goalie who hesitated to leave his line, and in raced Abonyi to drive the ball into the net from an angle.

The goal completely shattered the visitors and it was all Australia in the remaining few minutes.

Playing confidently, they passed the ball around to the delight of the crowd, and actually could have scored again two minutes later when Parkin had to scurry a hard Vojtek shot into corner.

The whole Australian team is to be congratulated for their historic win.

Close marking, stamina and cucumber coolness were evident at all times. Every player obeyed implicitly coach Rasic's instructions.

Manfred Schaefer and Ray Richards made a triumphant return to the national team and showed how important their presence is for the team's well-being and smooth functioning in defence. Richards, incidentally, was Wolves' pick as the best Australian.

Peter Wilson, with Schaefer back at his side, was at his "sweeping" best and George Harris confirmed once more he is the most talented defender Australia has produced since Joe Marston while Jim Rooney was at his midfield grafting best.

"Bugsy" Nyskohus, the young South Australian who replaced Hogg in the 55th minute, was an instant success and could be in the Australian squad for many years.

Attila Abonyi silenced his critics with his best international display for some time as did Baartz, often left to his own devices as an attacking spearhead.

With the exception of Hegan, little was seen in Melbourne of Wolves' highly rated players.

Dougan was played out of the game and their wingers never came out of their shell.

Their defence was solid, if unspectacular and not too creative, and the team generally never rose above the mediocre.

Referee Roger Lamb was excellent.

Australia: Reilly, Harris, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg (Nyskohus 55 min.), Richards, Mackay, Rooney, Baartz, Alston (Vojtek 55 min.), Abonyi.

Wolverhampton: Parkes, Shaw, Parkin, Hegan, Munro (Taylor, second half), McAlle, McCalliog, Sunderland, Curran, Dougan, Daley (Wagstaffe 70 min.).

Scorer: Abonyi 84 min. for Australia

Referee: R.Lamb (Vic.).

Crowd: 10,500

Date & Time			Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance	
12th. June 1972,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									18885	
Australia..2 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers (England)..2													
half time, Australia..2 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers..1													
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	RB	George Harris					DF	Gerard "Gerry" Taylor					
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					DF	Derek Parkin					
	RH	Manfred Schaefer					MF	Daniel "Danny" Hegan					
	CH	Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus					DF	Francis "Frank" Munro					
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards					DF	John McAlle	7				
	OR	James "Jim" Rooney					MF	James "Jim" McCalliog					
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	1, 36				FW	Alan Sunderland					46
	CF	Billy Rogers					FW	Hugh Curran	73			80	
	IL	Adrian Alston					FW	Derek Dougan					73
	OL	Terry Butler					FW	David "Dave" Wagstaffe					
SUBSTITUTES													
								MF	Kenneth "Kenny" Hibbitt				46
								FW	Peter Eastoe				73
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Sammy Chung				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, 16/6/1972, page 7 by Paul Dean

Last Monday the Australian team, doubling up in 24 hours against the fierce Wolves, proved once again that there's some magic hidden in those green-gold shirts.

Proving that their Sunday win in Melbourne was anything but a fluke, the Australians came within inches of repeating the dose in Sydney.

Ultimately they had to settle for a 2-2 draw, because of a momentary lapse by Peter Wilson.

This was a hard, at times rugged encounter with Australia determined to keep the Wolves at bay.

Once again, the defence worked splendidly with George Harris at his brilliant best; one can but express delightful amazement how this youngster, within two years, has turned into a mature international defender from an average winger.

The Schaefer - Wilson "blond tandem" was again a success; surely nobody will be game enough to touch it until at least after the 1973 World Cup games.

There was a sensational start to the game. Australia kicked off, the ball went to the left wing where Rogers, in one of his few inspired moments, gained possession and flicked it to Butler.

The ball travelled to Baartz who burst through and from about 14 metres sent a low, mean shot into the far corner for the first goal.

The equaliser came too soon, and rather unnecessarily. A corner from the left sailed to the far post where Corry and Nyskohus hesitated, enabling McAlle to head home from inches.

Baartz's second goal in the 36th minute was the highlight of the match, one that would have simply rocked the Wolves' fans at Molineux.

Harris sent a through-ball into the middle; Alston and Rogers hesitated - but not Baartz; in full flight he picked it up, beat two defenders and then bursting through the middle, whacked the ball into the left corner.

Australia's half-time lead was well deserved; there was no trace of either fatigue or any sort of complex in the team.

With 17 minutes to go, it looked possible that the 2-1 would hold. And why not, indeed? Australia were playing confidently, well and aggressively.

But then - disaster. A lob from the left wing floated into the goalmouth; Wilson stood mesmerised, failing to go up; the ball dropped behind him and there was Curran racing in, slamming it into the corner.

There was one more chance for Australia to win the match. In the 80th minute a Baartz freekick rebounded from the wall - at the foot of Alston, dead alone with the goalkeeper, but his shot was smothered by the grateful Parkes.

Towards the end an odd intermezzo brought the crowd to the boil. After a clash and behind play, Curran allegedly knocked Richards out with a kick in the head. Boskovic, consulted the linesman - and sent Curran off.

Australia, had they been a trifle less flattened after Sunday's match, could have won this match.

The defence and the midfield worked smoothly; the marking and tackling was good, often even heroic.

The attack, however, was lopsided. Baartz played magnificently in the first half and slightly more defensively in the second; his punch and gusto were sadly absent from the attack.

Terry Butler's debut was a success; there is every chance that he may inherit Vojtek's Australian jersey.

Wolverhampton were a disappointment in every way. Unlike Dundee a fortnight earlier, they played a dull, drab, stereotyped game without the slightest flair or colour.

Theirs is a game based on endless, often monotonous "hard running", crosses pumped into the goalmouth and some dubious tackling.

Not once in the 90 minutes did they unfold an attack one would see from forwards supposedly in the \$200,000-plus category.

Wagstaffe was their only forward who rose above the average while McCalliog, Curran and Dougan were very mediocre.

The Wolves defence could have been almost pulverised by a more inspired Australian attack; none of their highly rated stars, like Parkin, Hegan or McAlle revealed any extra skills.

It was also obvious that the Wolves have lost none of their old taste for rugged, tough football, which once made them famous in Britain.

It was a pleasant surprise indeed, a compliment to the Australian team, that Wolverhampton had to resort to these methods to even stay in the game.
Australia: Corry, Harris, Wilson, Schaefer, Nyskohus, Richards, Rooney, Baartz, Rogers, Alston, Butler.
Wolverhampton: Parkes, Taylor, Parkin, Hegan, Munro, McAlle, McCalliog, Sunderland (Hibbitt 46 min.), Curran, Dougan (Easthoe 73 min.), Wagstaffe.
Scorers: Baartz 1 and 36 mins.; McAlle 7 min., Currann 73rd min.
Referee: A.Boskovic.
Crowd: 18,885.

Wolverhampton Wanderers also had the following challenge matches.

14th.June 1979 Queensland..2 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers..6 at Lang Park, Brisbane, Queensland
17th.June 1979 South Australia..2 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers..3 at Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, South Australia
18th.June 1979 Western Australia..0 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers..3 at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia

Santos Futebol Clube is a Brazilian aports club based in Vila Belmiro.
The club was founded in 1912 and since then has become one of Brazil's most successful clubs.
In 1913 the Campeonato Santista was first played, with the Alvinegro (Santos nickname) earning their first ever title.
In 1914, due to an internal financial crisis, Santos played only friendly matches. In order to compete in another city tournament due to budgeting reasons they changed their name temporarily to União Futebol Clube.
In 1935 they won the Campeonato Paulista da Primeira Divisão (which is the top-flight professional football league in the Brazilian state of São Paulo) and also had successes in 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968 and 1969.
In 1959 (and again in 1963, 1964 and 1966) they won the Torneio Rio - São Paulo, a traditional Brazilian football competition contested between São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro teams.
The Campeonato Brasileiro Série A is the top Brazilian football league system and was won by Santos in 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1968.
In 1962 and 1963 they won the Intercontinental Cup and in 1968 won the Intercontinental Champions' Supercup. They won the Copa Libertadores de América in 1962 and 1963.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. June 1972, 15.40			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									31755	
Australia..2 v. Santos FC (Brazil)..2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Santos FC..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry				46	1	GK	Agustín Cejas				
	RB	George Harris					2	RB	Orlando "Orlando Lelé" Pereira	32			
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					3	LB	Vicente Goncalves de Paulo				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer					4	RH	Altivo de Souza Filho				
	CH	Bobby Hogg					5	CH	José Carlos Pereira "Ze Carlos"				72
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards					6	LH	Roberto "Léo" Oliveira				
	OR	James "Jim" Rooney	35				7	OR	Belarmino de Almeida Júnior "Nenê"				
	IR	James "Jim" Mackay					8	IR	Jader da Silva Goncalves				
	CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	65				9	CF	Martha de Freitas Alcindo "Alcindo"				
	IL	Adrian Alston					10	IL	Edson Arantes do Nascimento "Pelé"				
	OL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				46*	11	OL	Jonas Eduardo Americo "Edu"	60			
SUBSTITUTES													
		John "Jack" Reilly				46			Luiz Paes Leme "Turcão"				72
		Billy Rogers				46*							
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Jair Rosa Pinto				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic					Team Manager		Jorge Alberto Gutman				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, 23/6/1972, page 5 by Paul Dean
Holding Santos to a draw? Don't be so damned daft. Their football belongs to a different world, bordering on poetry, brushed with celestial colours. We'll be the props and extras in this soccer extravaganza.
These were not just anybody's random utterings; these were my words before the game . . .
And I have never been more delighted to be so wrong.
Australia did hold Santos to a draw; our defenders did do a splendid job on such Brazilian World Cup aces such as Pele, Edu and Alcindo.
After Wolves, Santos were also tamed, contained and even challenged even if our brand of football is and will always remain to be of a different kind.
But that's neither here nor there; only the Brazilians can play their own soccer-samba; imitators would not only fail but would look ludicrous.
Let's very quickly and honestly admit that Santos failed to live up to their staggering reputation.
Nobody can doubt their individual skill which would enable any of their players to earn decent sums in a circus act.
However, they seemed to lack the urgency and certainly the punch that, coupled with their natural skill, has actually lifted Brazilian soccer to the top of the tree.
The Australians, in foul mood at the start because of the long delay, must have sensed that there may be more to this match than merely standing around and applauding Pele.
They started brilliantly, at a furious pace and, in the first two minutes, twice came close to scoring.
In the second minute Ron Corry's spectacular goalkick caught the Santos fullbacks by surprise and in the following scramble Ray Baartz's and then Atilla Abonyi's close shot was charged down in the goalmouth.
Half a minute later Abonyi's pass found Jim Mackay and his shot was saved by the tall Cejas.
Santos took some time to settle down; Pele, for minutes, was busy roaming the field, testing the alertness and tenacity of his guard, Ray Richards.
In the 15th minute Altivo's 30-metre piledriver was tipped over the bar by Corry, bringing some ohs and ahs from the crowd all ready for the Santos magic.
But Australia were anything but on the defensive. Five minutes later a Bobby Hogg cross was headed wide by Baartz and two minutes later Adrian Alston blasted a shot two metres over the bar with only Cejas to beat.

On the half hour Santos struck. Orlando, the right fullback swept upfield, beat four Australians, played a swift one-two with Alcindo and then placed the ball elegantly into the corner. Within three minutes it was 1-1. A long lob into the goalmouth was headed back by Alston on the right foot of Jim Rooney who crashed a tremendous knee-high volley into the right corner. After halftime the game remained amazingly even and open.

Baartz shot wide in the second minute and soon after Bill Rogers, standing alone in the goalmouth, headed Rooney's perfect pass some six metres wide of the far post. Reilly, who replaced Corry, saved an Alcindo volley in the 10th minute - but five minutes later Santos forged ahead again.

A freekick was taken, with three Brazilians making their curving run up to the ball, giving Reilly three agonising alternatives. But it was the fourth that did the trick; Pele took the kick, tapping it to Edu lurking at the edge of the wall and his angled low shot rolled into the far corner. Baartz replied in Baartz fashion three minute later, with his own brand of a freekick. Perhaps it wasn't caviar a la Santos, but it was a wholesome steak.

His drive, from 25 metres, was zooming into the corner when Cejas somehow got to it, half knocking himself out in the process. Four minutes later Australia did the impossible. Hogg found Rogers, the ball was played to the centre to Alston and he slipped it on to the foot of Baartz - Cejas hardly saw the shot as it bulged the roof of the net. In the last 15 minutes Australia concentrated mainly on holding the result - and Santos attacked furiously.

In the 31st minute a Pele freekick, curving behind the wall, was saved by Reilly; within five minutes Alcindo and Jader stormed the goal. But it was all in vain; a draw it was, despite furious attempts by Santos to turn the tide.

There is no doubt that once again the Rasic-built defence saved the day for Australia.

Pele was marked by Richards, Edu by Harris, Alcindo by Schaefer, Jader by Hogg with Wilson playing as a freeback. Mackay and Rooney filled the midfield, sifting through the first Brazilian wave, usually launched by Leao and Ze Carlos but Baartz and Alston also dropped back often.

This, however, didn't give a defensive character to the Australian team; they moved up whenever the chance came, created bravely and got two great goals, both due rewards for their combinative skill. One can only wish that Australia possessed just one forward of truly great creative ability, a sort of Campana, Baumgartner or Jeffrey; this type of player would be a perfect foil for Baartz and Alston.

Santos would definitely suffer by comparison with Cruzeiro; the style is the same, the skills are identical - but Cruzeiro have Dirceu Lopes and Tostao to add that deadly finishing touch.

Cejas, this Argentinian from Racing, is a fine goalie. Fullback Orlando and stopper Vicente are excellent ballplayers.

The coloured midfielder Altivo and his two white colleagues, Leao and Ze Carlos are all creative without being brilliant.

Pele showed only flashes of his brilliance; a dart or two, a couple of totally unorthodox passes, a few amazing dribbles and his freekicks proved his genius.

However, he stayed many notches below the superb Sydney display of Dirceu Lopes, last January.

Alcindo was hardly noticed, being firmly in the clutches of Schaefer while Edu, undoubtedly a brilliant ballplayer, looked like a man about to follow a former Santos star, Coutinho, into oblivion because of weight problems.

Australia: Corry (Reilly), Harris, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg, Richards, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Alston, Abonyi (Rogers).

Santos: Cejas, Orlando, Vicente, Nene, Altivo, Ze Carlos (Torido 72 min.), Jader, Leao, Alcindo, Pele, Edu.

Scorers: Orlando 30 min., Rooney 33 min., Edu 60 min., Baartz 67 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 31,755.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
7th. October 1972,			Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia								81F		11258	
Indonesia..1 v. Australia..4														
half time, Indonesia..0 v. Australia..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Roni Pasla						GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Juswadi				34		RB	George Harris					
	LB	Machful Umar						LB	Peter Wilson (c)					
	RH	Budi Santoso						RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Anwar Udjang						CH	Bobby Hogg					
	LH	Muljadi						LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				80	
	OR	Iswadi Idris						OR	James "Jim" Mackay				80*	
	IR	Djunaedi Abdillah				71		IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	78(pk)				
	CF	Arwijanto				53		CF	Maxwell "Max" Tolson	60				
	IL	Suaeb Rizal						IL	Adrian Alston				82	
	OL	Abdul Kadir	83(pk)					OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	52, 88				
SUBSTITUTES														
		Rahman Halim				34			James "Jim" Rooney				80	
		Andi Lalla				71			John Warren				80*	
		Risdianto				53			Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				82	
Team Coach		Dr. Endang Witarsa					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		Achmad Karim (Indonesia)												
Linesman														
Linesman														

Juswadi is also shown as Yuswadi, Muljadi is also shown as Mudjadi, Rahman Halim is also shown as Rachman.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 9/10/1972, page 11

Australia left no doubt last night that they would be the team to beat in the 1973 Soccer World Cup qualifying rounds.

The visitors recovered from a depressing first half in which they missed many scoring chances against the physically inferior Indonesians, rated the form side of Asia.

The match, played in 81-degree heat before more than 11,000 spectators, established Victorian Branko Buljevic, in his first international match, as a devastating striker.

A masterly defensive display by Peter Wilson was another highlight of the Australian's performance.

Buljevic opened the scoring in the 52nd minute, after Indonesian goalkeeper Ronny Pasla had parried a Ray Baartz shot.

Buljevic, who had bewildered the Indonesians in the first half with his long raking bursts, dashed in to hammer the ball home.

In a similar situation seven minutes later, striker Max Tolson goaled from close range after Pasla had only partially smothered a shot by Ray Richards.

In the 62nd minute winger Adrian Alston was involved in a goalmouth incident.

Tolson had headed over the bar from a throw-in and, according to the Australian players, Alston was kicked by an Indonesian player.

Alston retaliated and another Indonesian, after running 30 yards, caught Alston with the side of his boot.

Meanwhile, Jim Armstrong had leapt from the Australian reserve bench and dashed on to the field.

Australian coach Rale Rasic, looking very angry, stood on the sideline as police, wielding batons, helped the referee to calm the brawling players who had exchanged puches for about five minutes.

Ray Baartz sealed Australia's win in the 78th minute, converting a penalty for another foul on Alston.

Dashing Indonesian winger Abdul Kadir then netted from a penalty against Manfred Schaefer - a ruling the Australians strongly disputed.

Buljevic capped an outstanding display by hammering home a great goal in the 88th minute.

Buljevic, 25, came to Australia several years ago after experience with a Belgrade first-division side.

Rasic had been so impressed with his strong-running efforts at training that he delegated Buljevic and Alston as wing spearheads.

Though Buljevic rose to the occasion Alston was remiss on several occasions in the first half.

Coach Rasic said after the match that Alston had been blatantly fouled three times in the second half but the referee, Mr. Achmad Karim, had failed to take action.

"The ref allowed too many infringements," Rasic said. "I think he gave a shocking display."

Indonesian coach Dr. Endang Witarsa said Australia's second-half display showed courage and will to win that could take them to the World Cup finals in Munich in 1974.

"Asian teams just cannot stand up to the superior physical attributes of the Australians," he said.

AUSTRALIA 4 (Buljevic 2, M.Tolson, R.Baartz) bt INDONESIA 1 (Kadir). Crowd: 11,258.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM: Jack Reilly, George Harris, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Bobby Hogg, Ray Richards, Jimmy Mackay, Ray Baartz, Max Tolson, Adrian Alston, Brank Buljevic.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
9th. October 1972,			Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia							36C		2000	
New Zealand..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, New Zealand..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John Morris				68		GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Tony Sibley						RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	LB	Maurice Tillotson						LB	Peter Wilson (c)				
	RH	Brian Turner				54		RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Malcolm Ferguson						CH	Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus				
	LH	Iain Hastie						LH	James "Jim" Rooney				46
	OR	Dennis Tindall				60		OR	John McDonald				
	IR	Alan Marley						IR	John Warren	76			
	CF	Alan Vest (c)	7					CF	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	26			
	IL	Victor Pollard						IL	Jim Armstrong				53
	OL	Ian Ormond						OL	Terry Butler				X
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Kevin Curtin				68			Raymond "Ray" Baartz	54			46
		Nigel Ashurst				54			Adrian Alston				53
		David Taylor				60			Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				X
Team Coach		Barrie Truman					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Kosasih Kartadiredja (Indonesia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 10/10/1972, page 19

The Australian Soccer tourists, fielding virtually a second-string team, crushed New Zealand 3-1 tonight in their second successive win on the Asian tour.

At the kick-off fewer than 600 spectators were sprinkled around the vast stadium with a capacity of more than 100,000.

A day of Moslem fasting and live TV coverage ruined any chance of a sizable attendance.

Atti Abonyi made the first attack at the New Zealand goal in the first minute but his rasping cross was well picked up by 'keeper John Morris.

Victorian Jim Armstrong figured in two threatening moves, passing to Deoug Utjesenovic, whose kick failed narrowly, and then missing unluckily himself with a hard drive.

New Zealand, who went down 5-3 to Australia in the international between the two countries in 1967, took a shock lead in the seventh minute.

Australian captain Peter Wilson and mid-fielder Jim Rooney failed to anticipate a cross from the wing and New Zealand captain Alan Vest hammered home a grand shot from 12 yards.

Armstrong, playing in his first international, was prominent in the 10th minute, hitting the post with a fierce drive, then collecting the rebound, testing Morris again.

Tony Sibley booted clear during a goalmouth melee after Abonyi had sent over a long, floating centre.

Australia were coming more into the game and the other side, showing nine changes from that which beat Indonesia 4-1 on Saturday, were beginning to fire as a unit.

Australia equalised after 26 minutes after John McDonald and Armstrong had combined to set up Abonyi for an easy chance.

Abonyi had plenty of time to steer the ball past the helpless Morris.

Ray Baartz replaced an out-of-form Jim Rooney and Branko Buljevic replaced Terry Butler after the interval.

The move soon paid dividends for Baartz broke away on his own in the 54th minute.

The small crowd thought the Australian midfielder had taken the ball too close to the line but he pulled back an angled shot into the net past the luckless Morris.

It gave Baartz his second goal of the tour, having notched one against Indonesia.

Australia came back and from a free-kick 25 yards out Baartz dummied for Buljevic to crash the ball straight at Morris.

The game, which had deteriorated, sprang to life as Australia took a 3-1 lead in the 76th minute.

South Australian Bugsy Nyskohus put a long, raking pass to Johnny Warren, who calmly rammed the ball into the far corner of the net.

Minutes later, Baartz found the head of Buljevic but the Victorian's header was slickly tipped over the bar by replacement 'keeper Kevin Curtin.

Just on full-time Buljevic sent third replacement Adrian Alston off on an open road to goal but the long-striding striker blazed the ball miles over the bar.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Abonyi, Baartz, Warren) bt NEW ZEALAND 1 (Vest).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. October 1972,			Saigon, South Vietnam									13000	
Saigon U-23 All-Stars XI..0 v. Australia..2													
half time, Saigon U-23 All-Stars XI..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Thai						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Cau						RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	LB	He						LB	Peter Wilson (c)				
	RH	Tam						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Him						CH	Bobby Hogg				
	LH	Chien						LH	John McDonald				46
	OR	Dong						OR	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				54
	IR	Tan						IR	John Warren				64
	CF	Sinh				51		CF	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
	IL	Phu						IL	Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
	OL	Him				X		OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	63, 86			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Tule				51			Adrian Alston				46
		Coa Dai				X			Raymond "Ray" Richards				54
									James "Jim" Rooney				64
Team Coach								Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic			
								Team Trainer					
Team Manager								Team Manager					
Referee		Le Ngoc (South Vietnam)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, 20/10/1972, page 3

Saturday's incident-packed 2-0 win against the Saigon All-Stars (an under-23 team) will not be remembered as one of our best wins.

Frankly, it was one of Australia's worst-ever performances in recent years.

The atrocious pitch, heat and bad refereeing cannot excuse the sub-standard performance of several players and the far too obvious fouls of others who had better remain anonymous as they brought no credit to their country.

Both goals were scored in the second half after we had dominated proceedings straight from the kickoff.

Our players abused the high balls, which were just not reaching the tall strikers.

The Saigon players were surprisingly agile and good in the air despite their short reach.

Two-goal Branko Buljevic headed Australia's first goal in the 63rd minute from a cornerkick by Hogg which the Saigon defence had to concede in a panic on Richards' throw-in.

Four minutes from the end, with the atmosphere already tense and thousands of fans encroaching on the field, Buljevic hooked Baartz's chipped pass over the head of the advancing 'keeper, Thai.

One cannot say too many nice things about the first Saigon game, which every one will try to forget in a hurry.

However, the after-match scenes will stay with us forever.

The incidents were definitely not politically motivated as some players believed.

This was proved on Sunday when there were no incidents.

Had the crowd harbored any Vietcong terrorists, no amount of security could have prevented an attack on the team as the players boarded their bus, this time to the cheers and claps of hundreds of small boys.

The teams on Saturday were:-

Australia: Corry, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg, McDonald (Alston second half), Tolson (Richards 54 min.), Warren (Rooney 64 min.), Abonyi, Baartz, Buljevic.

Saigon: Thai, Cau, He, Tam, Him, Chien, Dong, Tan, Sinh (Tule 51 min.), Phu, Him (Coa Dai).

Scorer: Buljevic 63 and 86 mins.

Referee: Le Ngoc A.

Crowd: 13,000.

The best of an uncomfortable Australian lot were goalie Corry, who did not have much to do, but whose clearances brought gasps of amazement, Wilson, Schaefer and Buljevic.

Baartz was the number one although he came in for a lot of attention.

match report from The Sun-Herald, 15/10/1972, page 95

The Australian Soccer team fled from the field under a barrage of bamboo sticks and other missiles after beating a Saigon representative side 2-0 here tonight.

One Australian was savagely struck on the head.

Others had minor injuries as many of the crowd of 11,000 closed in on the players, cut off from their dressing room and stranded on the sideline.

The players finally made a dash to a door under the grandstand, which armed South Vietnamese soldiers then sealed off.

The crowd had been angered by what they considered roughhouse tackling by the Australians.

But the Australians, playing their normal hard game, would never have been penalised by referees at home for allegedly illegal tackling.

With Australia leading 1-0 near the game's end, the crowd had left the terraces and moved on to the running track surrounding the field as Saigon battled for the equaliser.

The local team were given many chances to score with the help of doubtful decisions by South Vietnamese referee Le Ngoc.

Apparently only the shock of a second goal in the 88th minute stopped the crowd from surging on to the field before the final whistle.

When the match ended tour manager John Barclay, coach Rale Rasic and the players realised the full peril of the situation.

Soldiers armed with submachine guns and batons surrounded the Australians and ordered them to "stay put."

This was an unfortunate move which served only to make the crowd's mood become uglier and step up their barrage of missiles.

Finally the Australians made their dash to the dressing room.

Vietnamese soldier guards slammed shut behind them a huge iron gate, sealing off the dressing rooms from the angry mob.

The Australians remained locked in the dressing room for more than an hour after the game.

Then they were driven at high speed, with a military escort, to their city hotel.

The Australians are due to play South Vietnam's full international side tomorrow but it is now doubtful if they will be willing to again run the gauntlet of a South Vietnamese mob.

AUSTRALIA 2 (B.Buljevic 2) beat SAIGON 0. Crowd: 11,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
15th. October 1972,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam									23000	
South Vietnam..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, South Vietnam..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Chau					GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Mong					RB	George Harris					
	LB	Hue					LB	Peter Wilson (c)					
	RH	Ng Ngon					RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Trung					CH	Bobby Hogg					
	LH	Cang					LH	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					
	OR	Hung					OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					
	IR	Tha					IR	John Warren					46
	CF	Xinh					CF	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi					57
	IL	Anh					IL	Adrian Alston					75
	OL	Nan Ngon					OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	70				
SUBSTITUTES													
								James "Jim" Rooney					46
								Maxwell "Max" Tolson					57
								Jim Armstrong					75
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Jean Ticaro					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 16/10/1972, page 11

The Australian Soccer team beat South Vietnam 1-0 in an incident-free international here today.

This gave the tourists their fourth successive win on their Asian tour.

They had beaten a Saigon team 2-0 here yesterday in a match marked by crowd violence.

Today, Australia were first to attack, Ray Baartz sending to Adrian Alston, but the striker's header was easily pulled down by goal-keeper Chau.

In the sixth minute, Ray Richards hurled one of his long throw-ins into the penalty area but striker Brank Buljevic just failed to connect with his head.

Then Alston was in action again, beating three defenders before centering to Ray Baartz whose tame shot was easily taken by Chau.

South Vietnam mounted their first dangerous move in the eleventh minute when goal-keeper Jack Reilly had to leap high to cut out a centre from Mong.

Reilly again had to soar above a packed defence to cut out a similar cross from Ngon Nguyen Van two minutes later.

A series of misdirected shots showed the Australian machine wasn't clicking properly and the South Vietnamese began to get on top.

At the change there was still no score.

After the break Jimmy Rooney replaced Warren, then max Tolson came on for Atti Abonyi after a few minutes play. But still the Australians were unable to score.

Australian coach Rale Rasic tried to pump a team that had been lacking finishing power by taking off striker Adrian Alston for Jimmy Armstrong in the 67th minute.

But it was again left to the devastating Buljevic to give the Australians their much needed goal in the 70th minute.

From another long Richards throw-in a Tolson header was punched by Chau to the feet of Buljevic who shot the ball into the corner of the net.

It gave Buljevic his fifth goal of the tour and made it three in two days, the Victorian striker notching the two in Australia's 2-0 victory over Saigon yesterday.

Minutes later Tolson headed to again set up Buljevic, but this time he kicked wide.

With five minutes remaining, Schaefer sent a long through ball to Buljevic who fired just over the bar.

Scorers: AUSTRALIA 1 (B.Buljevic) bt SOUTH VIETNAM 0. Crowd: 23,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
22nd. October 1972, 15.00			Dongdaemun Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic									15000	
Korea Republic..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Korea Republic..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lee Se-yeon						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Park Yung Tae						RB	George Harris				
	LB	Kim Ho (c)						LB	Peter Wilson (c)				
	RH	Lee Cha-man	65					RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Kim Kyung Yung						CH	Bobby Hogg				
	LH	Hwang Jae-man						LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	OR	Kim Ho-kon						OR	James "Jim" Mackay				
	IR	Soo Duk				20		IR	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
	CF	Park Lee-chun						CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
	IL	Cha Bum-kun						IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson	12			51
	OL	Chung Kyu Poong				67		OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Kim Jin-kook				20			Adrian Alston				51
		Lee Hoe-taik				67							
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee		Kim Ju Won (Korea Republic)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Lee Se-yeon is also shown as Lee Sae Yun, Cha Bum-kun is also shown as Cha Bum Keun, Lee Hoe-taik is also shown as Lee Hoe Tek and Lee Whae Taik, Park Lee-chun is also shown as Park Ee Chun,

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 23/10/1972, page 13

The Australian Soccer tourists were unlucky not to have maintained their winning sequence when they drew one-all with a tough South Korean side here today.

The Australians bombarded the South Korean goal in the last 15 minutes in a bid to win but some wild shooting let them down.

A Max Tolson goal in the 10th minute looked to be the start of a goal feast for the tourists but they threw away several good scoring chances.

The South Koreans stormed back in the second half and grabbed an equaliser in the 65th minute through star midfielder Lee Cha Man.

The Australians will play South Korea again on Tuesday.

Coach Rale Rasic said that today's game was Australia's hardest on the tour.

"We should have won but some poor refereeing unsettled our normal fast flowing style," he said.

"I think we can beat South Korea on Tuesday, but we can't afford to miss so many chances."

Tolson was chiefly responsible for the sustained Australian pressure in the first half.

He was everywhere picking up the loose ball and sent some great through passes to an unusually quiet Branko Buljevic and Atti Abonyi.

South Korea fed their wingmen, Cha and Chung Kyu Poong, and the normally ice-cool Peter Wilson and George Harris were under pressure to check the Korean raids.

Australia should have had more than their one-nil advantage at half-time, but luck was not with them.

Australia suffered a great blow in the 51st minute when Tolson had to retire with an injured knee. He was replaced by striker Adrian Alston.

Tolson's drive was sadly missed up front and the South Koreans came right back into the game.

Referee Kim Ju-Won raised the ire of the Australians by ruling a Buljevic goal off-side in the 70th minute.

In the dying seconds Buljevic tried to head home an awkwardly bouncing ball but could not connect properly.

AUSTRALIA 1 (M.Tolson) drew with SOUTH KOREA 1 (Lee Cha Man). Crowd: 15,000.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. October 1972, 15.00			Dongdaemun Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic										17000	
Korea Republic..0 v. Australia..2														
half time, Korea Republic..0 v. Australia..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Lee Se-yeon						GK	Ron Corry					
	RB	Park Yung Tae						RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					
	LB	Kim Ho (c)						LB	Peter Wilson (c)					
	RH	Kim Ho-kon						RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Kim Kyung Yung						CH	Bobby Hogg				85	
	LH	Lee Cha-man						LH	Adrian Alston					
	OR	Kon Jae Wook				27		OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					
	IR	Cha Bum-kun						IR	John Warren					
	CF	Park Lee-chun						CF	James "Jim" Rooney				64	
	IL	Chung Kyu Poong						IL	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	12				
	OL	Kim Jin-kook				46		OL	Jim Armstrong	42			61	
SUBSTITUTES														
		Hwang Jae-man				27			Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus				85	
		Lee Hoe-taik				46			James "Jim" Mackay				64	
									Maxwell "Max" Tolson				61	
Team Coach								Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
								Team Trainer						
Team Manager								Team Manager						
Referee		Mang Myung Sup (Korea Republic)												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from Soccer World, 3/11/1972, page 3 by Lou Gautier

A reshuffled Australian team easily accounted for South Korea 2-0 last Tuesday week.

Both goals were scored in the first half, and what great goals they were!

In the 13th minute Ron Corry's 60 metre clearance found Adrian Alston who neatly first timed a header to the lethal left foot of Ray Baartz whose 16 metre shot blazed past goalie Lee Sae Yun.

Three minutes before halftime fullback Doug Utjesenovic, for my money the best player on the field, built up an attack on the right flank, passed the ball to Alston, who cleverly beat his opponent and cut the ball back for the onrushing Jim Armstrong, who first-timed his shot into the "opposite" corner.

Both goals were models of mobility and I cannot recall the national team ever scoring two such magnificently constructed goals in the one match before.

Rale Rasic, in keeping with his promise, that as many players as possible would play on tour, made several chnges from the team that so undeservedly only drew 1-1 on the Sunday.

His changes paid off handsomely with Utjesenovic the man of the match, John Warren turning in possibly his best match since his long lay-off and the rugged, rangy Armstrong justifying his selection with the goal that sealed Australia's very important win.

The 17,000 fans had little to cheer about because the Korean team was never in the game. This time they didn't even enjoy a period of sustained pressure as they did 48 hours earlier.

Korea, actually only had two scoring chances - all in the space of 30 seconds when Ron Corry was Australia's hero.

Had the Koreans scored then the match may have come alive as a goal would have galvanised home team and crowd alike.

Korea's big chance came in the 72nd minute when Corry miraculously got his right hand to the ball for a fantastic reflex save from a point-blank angled drive by Park Ee Chun.

Hardly had he parried the shot that the ball was back in the Australian goalmouth and at the feet of the same Park Ee Chun.

The whole crowd was already on their feet cheering Korea's first goal but Corry flung himself fearlessly at the Korean's feet to cleanly smother the ball.

The Australians turned in a better performance than in the first game but never exerted as great a pressure as in the last 20 minutes last Sunday week when the Koreans were constantly pinned down in their 16 metres.

Our shooting, however, was much better, especially in the first 15 minutes when we had six first class shots at goal which forced the lithe Korean 'keeper to show his class.

Despite the clear-cut win, which created a big impression on the Korean Press, who crowded the Munhwa Hotel after the game for interviews and photographs, the match did not entirely satisfy me.

Understanding was still lacking between midfielders and forwards, but the defence again played competently, despite a few early blunders, but the attack failed to impress once again.

Our play was really a bit too simplistic and we have to get away from the notion that we can only score goals because we are taller than our Asian opponents.

A bit of variety in building attacks would not go amiss. It is, however, an indication of the matgin of superiority the Australian team now has over its Asian rivals that we can still win without playing at our best.

Utjesenovic was Australia's number one. This was his best match at any level this season.

Ray Richards, who for the Koreans was the personality player of the team, had another outstanding match. Quite apart from his fabulous throw-ins, his tackling and midfield bursts also caught the eye.

Wilson had a couple of miskicks early, then settled into the "sweeper" role with his usual international competence and not once was beaten in the air.

Warren was at his best again although he came in for a lot of buffetting, ankle-tapping and, at times, viscious attention from Kim Ho, the Korean fullback.

Schaefer was his usual rock-like self and again his distribution was excellent.

Ron Corry proved at least Reilly's equal and could not be faulted.

Hogg did not repeat his first match peformance; in the first half most Korean attacks came from his side. He improved vastly after the interval but had to be carried off on a stretcher six minutes from the end when he got a vicious kick on the right ankle in a goalmouth scrimmage.

Ray Baartz, playing as a striker, was our most dangerous shooter.

Alston, at last getting a full game, was active throughout and had a hand in both goals - a big hand as he won many heading duels.

Armstrong had a running battle, and fisticuffs, with the Korean defenders and played well of the ball while Jim Rooney was unlucky to be replaced by Jim Mackay in the 64th minute as he had been playing well, adding a touch of welcome ball control and technique to our side.

The Koreans played negative football. All their players have great skills - greater than ours, but they over-indulge in the fancy footwork, adore "triangular" passing movements that gain them no ground whatsoever and just allows the opposing defence to regroup.

Their shooting was again woeful and most of their attacks were broken up by our hard-tackling defence before they were able to get too close to Corry's goal.

Korea: Lee Sae Yun, Park Yung Tae, Kim Ho, Kim Ho Kon, Kim Kyung Yung, Lee Cha Man, Kon Jae Wook (Hwang Jae Man 27 min.), Cha Bum Keun, Park Ee Chun, Vhung Kyu Poong, Kim Jin Kook (Lee Whae Taik second half).

Australia: Corry, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg (Nyskohus 85 min.), Richards, Warren, Rooney (Mackay 64 min.), Alston, Baartz, Armstrong (Tolson 61 min.).

Scorers: Baartz 13 min., Armstrong 42 min.

Referee: Mang Myung Sup.

Crowd: 17,000.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. October 1972,			Rizal Memorial Stadium, Manila, Philippines					Wet					4000	
Philippines..0 v. Australia..6														
half time, Philippines..0 v. Australia..1														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Eddie Llamas						GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Maristela						RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović	75				
	LB	Rojas						LB	Peter Wilson (c)					
	RH	Raffy Esteva						RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Duqua						CH	Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus				56	
	LH	de la Cruz				14		LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards	83				
	OR	Broce						OR	James "Jim" Mackay					
	IR	Eufferio Augustin						IR	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	29(pk)			60	
	CF	Genato				28		CF	John Warren	66				
	IL	Juan Gutierrez						IL	Adrian Alston				46	
	OL	Lagdameo						OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	52				
SUBSTITUTES														
		Villaraza				14			James "Jim" Rooney				56	
		Crame				28			Terry Butler	64			60	
									Maxwell "Max" Tolson				46	
Team Coach							Team Coach							
							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic							
Team Manager							Team Trainer							
							Team Manager							
Referee		Julian Esguarra (Philippines)												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from Soccer World, Volume 15, Number 42, 3/11/1972, page 3 by Lou Gautier

After being held to a lone goal from an Attila Abonyi penalty, Australia overwhelmed a pathetically weak Philippines national side in the second half to run out 6-0 winners in Manila tonight in front of only 4,000 spectators at the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

The match could only be described as a workout for the home-bound Aussies as this Filipino side, despite the addition of two guest players from Spain, would be hard pressed to survive in Sydney Second Division.

the Australians made a complete mess of things in the first half on a rain-soaked pitch.

I have never seen an Australian team play so poorly as in the wretched first 45 minutes.

Camped in the Filipino half of the field for the entire first period, the Australians fussed and fiddled and kept getting in each other's way.

Instead of using the wings, they all crowded the middle, making it easy for the besieged Filipinos to succeed with their desperation clearances.

Full marks, however, to their white goalie, Eddie Llamas, who even earned his opponents' applause for some of his saves in the first half.

It would be impossible to list all the chances Australia had during the match.

Let us just record that Abonyi missed three incredible sitters in the first 35 minutes, that Alston held on to the ball too long and also missed chances and that Buljevic was again disappointing until halftime.

He was very unlucky, however, to see the goalie make a miraculous save from his point-blank header from yet another cornerkick for the visitors, who throughout the 90 minutes took 13 corners to two.

This is how the goals were scored:

First goal: 29th minute - Raffy Esteva, the Filipino midfielder, handled the ball in his crowded goalmouth and, after the Australians appealed loudly, referee Julian Esquarra pointed to the penalty spot. Attila Abonyi, whose responsibility it was to open the scoring, made no mistake with a low shot to 'keeper Eddie Llamas' right.

Second goal: 52nd minute - A crude foul by centre-forward Juan Gutierrez, a guest player from Spain, on Jim Mackay brought retribution in the form of a free-kick. Branko Buljevic took it at an angle from 18 metres and scored with a "daisy-cutter" the goalie did not see because of a very imperfect "wall".

Third goal: 64th minute - This was an "APIA" effort, Jimmy Rooney having the first shot, which was parried by the goalie on to the feet Terry Butler, who was on the spot to push home the rebound for his first goal for Australia. Rooney had only come on in the 57th minute (for Nyskohus) and Butler had been on the field a mere four minutes, replacing Abonyi.

Fourth goal: 66th minute - A beautifully timed header by Johnny Warren over the advancing 'keeper from a long cross by Max Tolson. Warren spurted between two defenders before the Filipinos sensed the danger.

Fifth goal: 75th minute - Another goal by a St. George man, and a rare one at that, but a clever piece of football by Doug Utjesenovic who scored a snap goal from a difficult angle after bringing the ball along the right flank all by himself and finishing the dazzling move with a grand solo effort.

Sixth goal: Ray Richards and Warren both chased Wilson's 40-metre high pass, with the Marconi star getting to the ball first. Warren, unselfishly, got out of the way to enable Richards to balance himself perfectly before cracking his deadly left-foot drive past goalkeeper Llamas from 16 metres.

Jack Reilly only touched the ball half a dozen times and had to wait until the 13th minute for a semblance of a Filipino shot. The match was a piece of cake for our defenders.

Johnny Warren was possibly the pick of the team and it was good to see "Skippy" back to his best as in Seoul.

The match, despite the score, will not be remembered as one of Australia's best. Had the players really clicked in the first half we should have finished up winning 12-0.

The boys played much better after the interval, but this was mainly because the amateurish, unfit Filipinos wilted and couldn't stand the killing pace imposed by the super-fit Australians.

Australia: Reilly, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Nyskohus (Rooney 56 min.), Richards, Mackay, Abonyi (Butler 60 min.), Warren, Alston (Tolson second half), Buljevic.

Philippines: Llamas, Maristela, Rojas, Esteva, Duqua, De la Cruz (replaced Villaraza 14 min.), Broce, Augustin, Genato (replaced Crame 28 min.), Gutierrez, Lagdameo.

Crowd: 4,000.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 30/10/1972, page 13

Australia turned on a second-half scoring blitz to thrash the Philippines 6-0 here today and end its seven-match Asian Soccer tour undefeated.

Australia should have clinched the match in the first half, but shabby finishing let them down.

A tongue-lashing from coach Rale Rasic saw the Australians turn on a goal-scoring spree to emphasise their superiority over Asian sides.

The victory gave Australia six wins and a draw in its three-and-a-half-week tour and proved a great build-up for the World Cup preliminaries next year.

From the outset it was obvious that the match was going to be nothing more than a training run for the Australians.

The tourists forced two corners in the first two minutes and for the remainder of the session kept their vastly inferior opponents pinned in their own half.

But once again Australia revealed their one great deficiency - an inability to capitalise on easy scoring chances.

Their forwards bombarded the Philippines goal from all angles but just could not find the net.

The Philippines' one threatening raid came in the 13th minute when Euferrio Augustin slung over a cross from the right and Australian goalkeeper Jack Reilly had to leap high to take the ball.

Midfielders John Warren and Richards tried desperately to spur on their strikers, but with no success.

Australia had to suffer the indignity of scoring the lone first-half goal through a penalty in the 29th minute.

From a handball by Raffy Esteva, Abonyi made no mistake with the conversion.

Australia should have wrapped up the game well before half-time but poor shooting and sheer bad luck kept their advantage down to 1-0.

The Australians figured in several fiery clashes in the opening minutes of the second session as they showed their annoyance at being unable to score.

But the painful wait for a goal ended in the 50th minute with a Buljevic free kick from 25 yards rocketing past goalkeeper Eddie Llamas.

From that point Australia really turned on the heat.

Second-half substitutes Terry Butler and Jimmy Rooney showed the shooting power that has made them such a force for their Sydney club, Apia.

In the sixty-fourth minute a Rooney shot was blocked by Llamas for Butler to stride up and ram home the ball for his first goal of the tour.

The goal feats gave Australia a tally of 19 goals for the tour with only three against.

It underlined the fantastic defence, with both defenders, Peter Wilson and Utjesenovic, in top form.

In the midfield Richards and Jimmy Mackay toiled unceasingly while Buljevic's goal, his sixth of the tour, made him the leading scorer of the Australian squad.

AUSTRALIA 6 (A.Abonyi, B.Buljevic, T.Butler, J.Warren, D.Utjesenovic, R.Richards) bt THE PHILIPPINES 0.

Crowd: 2,000.

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Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. February 1973, 20.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales										14163	
Australia..2 v. Bulgaria..2														
half time, Australia..0 v. Bulgaria..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Rumen Goranov Radev					
	RB	George Harris						RB	I lia Chalev					
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Aleksandr Shalamanov					
	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	Veselin Evgeniev					
	CH	Bobby Hogg						CH	Dobromir Zhechev (c)					
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards						LH	Jeko Jelev					
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	Georgi Vasilev	31				
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						IR	Dinko Dermendjiev					
	CF	Adrian Alston				X		CF	Atanas Mihaylov	44				
	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson	72(pk)					IL	Dimitar Yakimov				67	
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	56					OL	Ivan Pritargov				74	
SUBSTITUTES														
		William "Ernie" Campbell				X			I ordan Stoikov				67	
									Stefan Bogomilov				74	
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		I oncho Arsov					
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Trainer							
Referee		Roger Lamb					Team Manager							
Linesman														
Linesman														

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Dobromir Zhechev is also shown as Dobromir Jetchev, Georgi Vasilev is also shown as Georgi Vassilev, Atanas Mihaylov is also shown as Atanos Mikhailov.
I oncho Arsov is also shown as Yoncho Arsov.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 16, Number 6, 23/2/1973, page 7 by Lou Gautier
Australia fought its way back from the brink of defeat by scoring two goals in an incident-packed second half to draw 2-2 with Bulgaria in Sydney last Wednesday week in front of a surprisingly large crowd of 14,163.
Few in the crowd would have conceded Australia any chance at halftime, when Bulgaria held a commanding 2-0 lead.
Both goals, mind you, were the result of slack Australian defence. Like against Santos and South Korea, last year, the first goal was scored off a dead ball. In the 31st minute Mikhailov's freekick curled around the Australian defenders and completely unmarked Vassilev was untroubled to pick his spot to open the scoring.
The second Bulgarian goal, just on halftime, was an even greater tragedy, Ron Corry unaccountably letting a soft shot by Mikhailov go past him after getting both hands to the ball.
Though the Bulgarians played the best football in the first period, the halftime score did not reflect the scoring opportunities.
In the second minute, from Corry's mammoth goalkick, Baartz crossed to Alston, whose header from five metres was only just wide. In the eighth minute a long Richards throw-in had the Bulgarian defence in a tangle, and only a fine save by goalie Goranov kept Australia out.
Tolson's header in the 20th minute also had the 'keeper in trouble; five minutes later a great move involving Tolson, Baartz and Mackay came to nothing when the latter's low shot went wide from close range, and in the 33rd minute Baartz' great pass, after a solo 45-metre dash, went begging as the ball rolled across the goalline.
Besides the goals, Bulgaria's best first half chances came in the 16th minute when Vassilev's angled drive forced Corry to concede a corner; in the 26th minute when Mikhailov shot over the bar after a great run and in the 30th when Corry tipped Jelev's 35-metre scorchers over the bar.
The Bulgarians, who were so cool, classical and collected in the first half when their impeccable ball control and individual skills delighted the crowd, lost their heads after Buljevic scored for Australia.
That magnificent goal - a 30-metre left-footer that potted high into the left corner of the net - seemed to drive them into a collective frenzy.
Until fulltime the game resembled a street brawl, with running battles flaring up all over the field under the benevolent, impotent gaze of referee Lamb, who again proved he cannot handle a match of that importance.
I am not all that certain, however, that he was not right to award Australia the match-saving penalty in the 72nd minute as he was better placed than most to judge whether Tolson had been interfered with.
Tolson, himself, took the spot-kick, made no mistake with an unstoppable low shot to Goranov's left, and Australia were back on level terms after a remarkable fightback that again shows that nothing is impossible for our soccer players when they wear the green-and-gold.
The equaliser only served to further enrage the Bulgarians, and since the Australians are no angels either, and can give as well as they take, it was really "on" for young and old.
Lamb's most questionable decision not to allow Mikhailov a second goal, which would have clinched Bulgaria's victory, 10 minutes from the end, further incensed the visitors, who until fulltime took their frustration out on the Australians, all of whom bore the mark of Bulgarian studs, kicks and punches on their bodies after the match.
Personally, I saw nothing wrong with the "goal", but the referee ruled that Mikhailov had fouled Hogg, and had blown his whistle, anyhow, before the ball went in.
The Bulgars' game fell apart when they abandoned artistry for brawling, and in the last 30 minutes it was Australia that moved the more smoothly.
Cambell's inclusion, Buljevic's newfound confidence, Tolson's aggressiveness and Baartz' midfield bursts set a few brilliant inter-passing moves in motion, which deserved a better fate, particularly in the 66th and 78th minutes when Tolson and Harris didn't miss by much after a series of defence-splitting passes had brought the ball up the length of the field.

Peter Wilson, as is so often the case in internationals, was, I thought, Australia's best player, followed by fullback Harris, Richards, Mackay, Baartz and Tolson, who battled gamely, without much support in attack in the first half.

Buljevic had a catastrophic first half, but showed his true colours after scoring his great goal, while Campbell added a touch of class when he came in at Halftime.

Apart from his monumental blunder, Ron Corry performed well above the call of duty and made up for the unfortunate goal with some breath-taking saves.

The best-known Bulgarian stars were disappointing. Yakimov, Dermendjiev and Jetchev did little to justify their big reputations, but winger Vassilev, centre-forward Mikhailov and midfielder Jelev created a fine impression.

Australia: Corry, Harris, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg, Richards, Mackay, Baartz, Alston (Campbell, second half), Tolson, Buljevic.

Bulgaria: Goranov, Tchalev, Shalamanov, Evjeniev, Jetchev, Jelev, Vassilev, Dermendjiev, Mikhailov, Yakimov (Stoikov 67 min.), Pritargov (Bogomilov 74 min.).

Scorers: Buljevic 56 min., Tolson 72 min. (penalty) for Australia; Vassilev 31 min., Mikhailov 44 min. for Bulgaria.

Referee: R.Lamb (Vic.).

Crowd: 14,163.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. February 1973,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia									8576	
Australia..1 v. Bulgaria..3													
half time, Australia..1 v. Bulgaria..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Rumen Goranov Radev				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						RB	I lia Chalev				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Aleksandr Shalamanov				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	I ordan Stoikov				
	CH	Bobby Hogg						CH	Dimitar Dimitrov				
	LH	John Warren						LH	Kevork Tahmisian				70
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	Todor Barzov				X
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	29					IR	I ordan I ordanov				
	CF	Maxwell "Max" Tolson						CF	Georgi Vasilev				
	IL	William "Ernie" Campbell				X		IL	Ivan Pritargov	27			X*
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				X*		OL	Stefan Bogomilov	22			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Adrian Alston				X			Veselin Evgeniev				70
		Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				X*			Dinko Dermendjiev				X
									Atanas Mihaylov	81			X*
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Ioncho Arsov				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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match report from Soccer World, Volume 16, Number 6, 23/2/1973, page 7 by Lou Gautier

The Adelaide hoodoo still hangs over the national team. Australia have lost their last four internationals in South Australia, but last Friday's 3-1 defeat against Bulgaria at Hindmarsh Stadium was the worst performance to date.

However, Australia's previous Adelaide conquerors - Japan, Scotland and Dundee - were not quite up to the standard of the Bulgarians, who confirmed last Friday that they are the strongest opponents the national side ever faced at home.

The inclusion of five players who did not appear in Sydney strengthened the team instead of weakening it.

The young players who were brought into the Bulgarian side tried much harder than the near-veterans and ran themselves into the ground, giving the jaded Australians a merry chase.

Their heroic efforts 48 hours earlier clearly took its toll on the Australians, who were unable to muster the energy to stand up to the Bulgarians' superior skill, pace and team-work and then to back up and closemark in defence.

To make things worse, we gave away two goals - the second and third - and were again down 2-0 at one stage.

Bulgaria opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when a high shot from Vassilev was brilliantly headed in by Bogomilov.

Five minutes later, suicidal loose-marking by the Australian defence enabled Pritargov to head Jordanov's swerving corner past Corry.

Two minutes later Australia's hopes were revived when Baartz scored the goal of the match - a typical 30-metre "rocket" with the left foot.

The goal galvanised the Australians into attack and in the 34th minute Baartz was unlucky not to make it 2-2 when his hard 10-metre drive was miraculously saved by the Bulgarian goalie.

Baartz, probably the best player on the field, also deserved a better fate with his 59th minute freekick from 40 metres which hit the right post with Goranov hopelessly beaten.

Australia's last gasp, so to speak, came in the 68th minute when a flying header by Stoikov cleared Utjesenovic's shot off the Bulgarian line to save a certain goal.

The Aussies were demoralised by their lack of success after that and Bulgaria, by then in full cry, took over completely.

Australia had a very difficult last 20 minutes. During that unhappy period they played the worst soccer I've seen from any Australian team since Rale Rasic took over, in October 1970.

Mikhailov hit the post in the 77th minute, Dermendjiev's point-blank shot only missed by centimetres a minute later, but in the 81st minute Bulgaria notched their third goal to make absolutely certain of victory.

Hogg, who otherwise was the best Australian performer behind Baartz, couldn't hold winger Vassilev, whose cross, somehow, eluded both Wilson and Schaefer, who got in each other's way, and landed at the feet of the unmarked Mikhailov, who scored the easiest of gift goals.

The Australians were the first to admit they played poorly, but credit must be given to the Bulgarians for turning in such a dazzling performance.

There were so many indifferent, or downright poor, performances in the home team that only two players came out of the match with their reputations intact - Baartz and Hogg.

Buljevic, Alston, Abonyi, Campbell and Tolson, the latter, however, suffering from stomach pains, have seldom played worse, and it was left to the indomitable Ray Baartz to carry the whole attack on his broad shoulders, but the Hakoah star was also our best midfielder!

Referee Tony Boskovic gave an impeccable display. As a result the match did not produce one unpleasant incident and both teams were reconciled after Wednesday's shambles.
Australia: Corry, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg, Warren, Mackay, Baartz, Tolson, Campbell (Alston), Buljevic (Abonyi).
Bulgaria: Goranov, Tchalev, Shalamanov, Stoikov, Dimitrov, Tahmisian (Evjeniev 70 min.), Barzov (Dermendjiev), Jordanov, Vassilev, Pritagrov (Mikhailov), Bogomilov.
Scorers: Bogomilov 22 min., Pritargov 27 min., Mikhailov 81 min., for Bugaria; Bartz 29 min. for Australia.
Referee: A.Boskovic (NSW).
Crowd: 8,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. February 1973, 20.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									9204	
Australia..0 v. Bulgaria..2													
half time, Australia..0 v. Bulgaria..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	James "Jim" Fraser						GK	Rumen Goranov Radev				86
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						RB	I lia Chalev				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Aleksandr Shalamanov				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	Veselin Evgeniev				
	CH	Bobby Hogg						CH	Dobromir Zhechev				X
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney						LH	Jeko Jelev				
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	Georgi Vasilev				79
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						IR	Dinko Dermendjiev	57			
	CF	William "Ernie" Campbell						CF	Atanas Mihaylov				60
	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson						IL	Dimitar Yakimov				67
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic						OL	Ivan Pritargov	22			
SUBSTITUTES													
								GK	Ignat Mladenov				86
									Iordan Stoikov				X
									Todor Barzov				79
									Stefan Bogomilov				60
									Kevork Tahmisian				67
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Ioncho Arsov				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Don Campbell					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 16, Number 6, 23/2/1973, page 7 by Lou Gautier

An off-side goal in the 22nd minute boke Australia's spirit and paved the way for Bulgaria's 2-0 win in Melbourne last Sunday.

But don't blame the referee, South Australian Don Campbell; he was excellent throughout the match. His linesman is to blame for failing in his simple job.

Australia had started the match better than in Sydney or in Adelaide, creating many more scoring chances in the opening minutes, but the gift goal is just what the Bulgarians needed to dissipate their nervousness.

They went on to display their best form of the tour, showing the crowd of 10,000 that they are unquestionably the best national team we've ever played against at home.

Though our forwards played very poorly, including Ray Baartz, who was still feeling the effects of his colossal one-man show in Adelaide 48 hours earlier, it was no disgrace to lose by two goals to that Bulgarian side.

The Bulgarians' clever use of long diagonal and square passes, their faultless ball control and their uncanny ability to mount speedy breakaways, turning defence into attack at the bat of an eyelid, were all too much for a very tired Australian team who can't stand up to three matches in four days against top opposition.

It will be some time yet before Australia can hold its own against an internationally rated team like Bulgaria. They are just too good for us at the moment, and that's that.

The Australian players did their best last Sunday, whatever a section of the crowd, that booed them towards the end, may have thought.

But Bulgarian soccer is on a totally different level from that of any Asian team - and will be for many more years.

The Australians, however, did prove that safe tactics in defence can achieve a respectable result even against a superior team.

Australia's tactics may not have been to the liking of the crowd, but to have played anything else would have been courting disaster and Australia needs a drubbing before the World Cup like a hole in the head!

Doug Utjesenovic was easily the best Australian - the only one to come near the visitors in football skill. He rarely wasted a ball and always kept his man under a tight check.

Jim Mackay, Bobby Hogg and Manfred Schaefer were tentative at the start, but improved, and the three of them finished very strongly.

Jim Fraser could not be blamed for any of the goals. He made several great saves and showed he is much more than a third choice in goal.

Jimmy Rooney worked hard to win many midfield duels, but, unfortunately, he again wasted many balls with very bad passing.

Baartz, as I mentioned before, was a shadow of his irresistible Adelaide self, but this was not too surprising after his herculean display two days before.

Max Tolson, the target for the crowd's abuse, was never in the game and couldn't do a thing right. The same applies to Branko Buljevic, whose inconsistency is becoming quite alarming. It nowadays appears to be all or nothing with Branko.

Bulgaria had many stars, none of them brighter than right-winger Vassilev, who incredibly, had a hand in all seven goals Bulgaria scored against Australia in the three encounters.

Dermendjiev showed he is far from finished, but Yakimov was again disappointing.

Highlights of the match:

6 min.; Wilson's fumble gives Vassilev a clear run at goal. Pritargov latches on to his winger's pass, but his six-metre shot is brilliantly saved by goalie Jim Fraser.

8 min.; Rooney's flying header is just wide with goalkeeper Goranov out of position.

20 min.; Baartz sends Campbell through beautifully but Goranov saves the Marconi forward's pile-driver.

22 min.; Buljevic is dispossessed in the Bulgarian 18 metres. From the resulting breakaway Pritargov - from an off-side position - scores after tricky lead-up work by Vassilev, who easily beat Hogg. 1-0.

36 min.; Dermendjiev is well off-side, but the linesman doesn't pull him up. Fraser dives at the Bulgar's feet to save a certain goal with a courageous save.

40 min.; Another good save by Fraser - at Yakimov's feet this time.

42 min.; Goranov's turn to earn applause with an acrobatic save which cuts off Baartz's threatening centre.

44 min.; Vassilev dribbles round Wilson and Fraser, but luckily for Australia, Bobby Hogg comes to the rescue with a magnificent sliding tackle almost on the goalline.

47 min.; A poor header by Campbell over the bar from Utjesenovic's curly corner-kick.

50 min.; Fraser dives full-length to save Dermendjiev's 20-metre freekick.

54 min.; A good run by Buljevic, whose shot is saved by Goranov.

57 min.; A classical goal by Bulgaria. Vassilev sends a perfect centre across for Dermendjiev to head a brilliantly executed goal past the helpless Fraser. 2-0.

58 min.; Wild shot over the bar by Buljevic from a corner-kick.

62 min.; Goranov has to scramble on all-fours to smother Tolson's long low shot.

67 min.; A crude foul by Wilson on Dermendjiev. Stoikov takes the freekick from 20 metres, but his shot grazes Fraser's left upright.

82 min.; Vassilev's snap shot sails over the bar.

86 min.; Fraser does well to fist away Tahmisian's eight-metre left-footed drive.

Australia: Fraser, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Campbell, Tolson, Buljevic.

Bulgaria: Goranov (Mladenov 86 min), Tchalev, Shalamanov, Evjeniev, Jetchev (Stoikov), Jeleu, Vassilev (Barzov 79 min.), Dermendjiev, Mikhailov (Bogomilov 60 min.), Yakimov (Tahmisian 67 min.), Pritargov.

Scorers: Pritargov 22 min., Demendjiev 57 min.

Referee: D.Campbell (SA).

Crowd: 10,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance				
25th. February 1973,			Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland													
Bardon Latrobe..0 v. Australia..6																
half time, Bardon Latrobe..0 v. Australia..2																
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution			
START LIST																
									Colin "Col" Bennett							
									Colin "Col" Curran							
									Raymond "Ray" Richards	X						
									Adrian Alston	X						
									William "Ernie" Campbell	X						
									Maxwell "Max" Tolson	X						
									Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	X, X						
SUBSTITUTES																
Team Coach							Team Coach								Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic	
Team Manager							Team Trainer									
Referee							Team Manager									
Linesman																
Linesman																

match reort from Soccer World, Volume 16, Number 7, March 2, 1973, page 8

The Australian World Cup squad, minus the St George-Budapest players, Ray Baartz and the injured Jim Mackay and Jack Reilly, beat Bardon-Latrobe at Perry Park, in Brisbane, last Sunday.

Australia piled on the pressure after leading 2-0 at half-time, but missed many scoring chances.

With better shooting the score could have reached double-figures.

"Guest" players Colin Bennett and Colin Curran appeared in the Australian team, whose scorers were Buljevic, Alston, Rooney, Richards, Campbell and Tolson.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
4th. March 1973, 14.30			Newmarket Park, Auckland, New Zealand								12000		
New Zealand..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, New Zealand..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
12	GK	Kevin Curtin					21	GK	Ron Corry				
4	RB	Maurice Tillotson					2	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
20	LB	Colin Latimour					3	LB	Peter Wilson (c)				
5	RH	John Staines (c)					4	RH	Manfred Schaefer				
3	CH	Ron Armstrong					5	CH	Bobby Hogg				
6	LH	Brian Turner	57				6	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
8	OR	Alan Vest					14	OR	John Warren				77
17	IR	Dennis Tindall				77	8	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
9	CF	David Taylor					9	CF	Adrian Alston				
7	IL	Alan Marley				85	10	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				67
19	OL	Malcolm Bland					11	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				
SUBSTITUTES													
14		Brian Armstrong				77	18		Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				77
18		Geoff Brand				85	16		William "Ernie" Campbell	85			67
Team Coach		Barrie Truman					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Trainer						
Referee		Luk Tat Sun (Hong Kong)					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Lou Gautier, Soccer World, volume 16 number 8 page 2.

Australian soccer received a bitter lesson in humility when our "big guns" floundered in the opening World Cup match in Auckland last Sunday.

To add insult to injury, it's New Zealand, not Australia, who would be justified to complain about the result.

The Kiwis led up to the 85th minute, and Australia were 'Gone' to all intents and purposes when Ernie Campbell, a 67th minute substitute, bobbed up to head home the miraculous equaliser.

The most glaring scoring chances were New Zealand's. Despite our almost continuous territorial domination it was the home team that came closest to adding to the score.

Brian Turner, who scored the New Zealand goal, missed an incredible "sitter" in the 13th minute and in the second half Doug Utjesenovic came to Australia's rescue when he saved a hot shot off the line.

Weak-kneed Australia's scoring opportunities were never that clear-cut, our players at all times being forced to try their luck from a fair distance.

So there can be no recriminations about how "unlucky" Australia was this time.

Nor can the referee, Mr. Luk-Tat-Sun, be blamed for the mediocre result, despite what some members of the Australian team had to say after the game.

Frankly, I am becoming bored to always hear how the referee "robbed" Australia. Enough is enough, fellas.

Australia only came back with one point because the team turned in its worst-ever performance since the bad old days. That's the reason why we did not win.

All the weaknesses one thought are gone for ever surfaced at Newmarket Park, which incidently, must be the quaintest venue where a World Cup match has ever been staged.

The Australians played without plan or purpose, it was "kick-and-rush-soccer" of the first order, with our team quickly reduced to New Zealand's own level.

Instead of playing football, the Australians allowed their opponents to dictate the style and manner in which the game will be played.

Australia's soccer chickens came to roost last Sunday.

The disturbing pattern which has been emerging for many matches now, namely that inane prediliction for high balls came to the fore in Auckland and was a major factor in Australia's disappointing performance.

Every ball from the defence and the midfield was booted high up in the air for the forwards.

Needless to say that the tall, and equally "physical" Kiwis, found those tactics to their liking. They won an equal share, if not more, of the aerial duels.

Instead of using our superior skill against less polished opponents, our players employed the same tactics which usually come off against small Asian opponents, thus playing right into the New Zealanders' hands.

If the Aussies are afraid to engage the largely unskilled Kiwis in man-to-man "combat" for possession with the ball, one shudders at their fate against a ball-playing side like Iraq this weekend.

Even the traditional, admirable, qualities of Australian soccer were missing in some players - and key men at that.

Some of them played as though they were in the NSW team. They were loath to tackle, did not back up, wandered about aimlessly and did not shoulder any responsibility.

And while the Australian midfield was virtually non-existent, New Zealand's best midfielder, big Brian Turner, was given tons of room to move without any Socceroo ever in close attendance.

It's hard to understand why no one saw the damage Turner was inflicting and did not take preventive action at least at halftime.

If there is one consoling feature about what can only be described as the Auckland disaster, as far as Australia is concerned, it is that the team cannot play so poorly or chicken-heartedly again in the tournament.

The Australians know that a defeat against Iraq on Sunday will just about kill their chances of winning the series now that they have dropped a point against New Zealand.

Not many Australian players can hold their heads up after the Auckland match.

Ron Corry and his defence were adequate, despite several gross fouls and that annoying penchant for punting the ball upfield without any variation or imagination.

Our best player in Auckland, I thought, was Doug Utjesenovic, who at least showed some creativity when he overlapped and brought the ball up.

Peter Wilson, apart from a couple of minor indiscretions, has nothing to reproach himself for.

The same goes for Bobby Hogg and Manfred Schaefer, despite some crunching tackles.

World Cup matches, however, are not for little boys, and anything goes when you are defending your country's colors.

Australia badly missed the midfield promptings and grafting of Jim Mackay who, luckily, will be fit to play this week.

Ray Baartz and Adrian Alston played reasonably well in the first half, but were reduced to the general level after the interval.

As for the others, it simply wasn't their day. Australia paid dearly for their lapses and it appears certain several will be dropped on Sunday.

The team, to their credit, fought back well after the New Zealand goal. Had they played in the same vein right through, the result would have been different and Australia would be sitting pretty with two points.

Rale Rasic waited too long, in my opinion, to bring in his substitutes. When Abonyi and Campbell did come on, their ball control and greater imagination improved the team out of sight and it was poetic justice that Australia equalised when they were brought in.

The New Zealanders, who are limited in pure football ability, did all that was asked of them and were admirable, giving some of our players a lesson in how to fight for every ball and play their guts out.

There are no primadonnas in their team and coach Barrie Truman employed the right tactics to counter the Aussies.

Hats off to the Kiwis who were best served by Colin Latimour, Brian Turner, David Taylor, skipper John Staines and goalie Kevin Curtin.

New Zealand: Curtin, Tillotson, R.Armstrong, Staines, Latimour, Turner, Vest, Tindall (Armstrong 77 min), Taylor, Marley (Brand 85 min), Bland.

Australia: Corry, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Hogg, Richards, Baartz, Warren (Abonyi 77 min), Alston, Tolson (Campbell 67 min), Buljevic.

Scorers: Turner 57 min for New Zealand, Campbell 85 min for Australia.

Referee: Mr. Luk-Tat-Sun (Hong Kong)

Crowd: 12,000

Big Match Highlights:-

3 min.: Baartz and New Zealand's Brian Turner collide and both are injured, but not before the Hakoah star gets a low, hard 12-metre shot in, which is well saved by goalie Kevin Curtin.

6 min.: Tolson almost scores from Richards' long throw-in but a foul is given against him.

9 min.: Schaefer misses an intercept, the ball is at the feet of Mal Bland but, luckily for Australia, Wilson nips in and backpasses to goalie Corry.

13 min.: New Zealand should have opened the scoring as Australia has a tremendous let-off as Brian Turner misses an absolute "sitter" after latching on to a horrible pass by Tolson to Baartz. God only knows how Turner could have muffed his shot!

15 min.: From a counter-attack, Allan Vest and David Taylor tear the Australian defence wide open, but Taylor's low shot is wide to Corry's right.

26 min.: Curtin can't hold Richards' throw-in. He pushes the ball out to Baartz, whose shot, however, is partially blocked before the Kiwi goalie retrieves a dangerous situation by diving at the Aussie's feet.

31 min.: Kiwi defender John Staines almost scores an own goal with an ill-timed deflection. Australia force three consecutive corners.

35 min.: Curtin fists the ball out weakly to Utjesenovic, whose dangerous snap shot sails over the bar.

38 min.: The New Zealand 'keeper draws applause for a fine save off Alston's header.

39 min.: Alston's glorious 20-metre shot on the full is saved acrobatically by Curtin.

42 min.: Marley's angled 16-metre drive is off-target.

45 min.: Warren works the ball up, passes to Baartz, but Ray's shot is too feeble to worry Curtin.

SECOND HALF

1 min.: Australia force two corners, but weak heading by Alston save New Zealand.

5 min.: Turner is allowed to set up Vest, but the latter's shot is blocked by Wilson.

6 min.: Warren heads Utjesenovic's well-placed freekick over the bar in a half-hearted attempt.

8 min.: Hogg almost scores direct from a corner, but Curtin dives backwards for an acrobatic save just in the nick of time.

11 min.: New Zealand's first corner of the match.

12 min.: While the Australians are arguing the pros and cons of an indirect freekick with the referee, Vest quickly taps the ball to the unmarked Turner who scores with a glorious 20-metre low drive. 1-0 for New Zealand.

15 min.: Warren is unlucky not to equalise when his powerful 12-metre shot is tipped over the bar by the goalkeeper for yet another Australian corner.

20 min.: Curtin somehow manages to retrieve the ball from a maze of Australian legs after failing to hold Baartz's 30-metre scorcher.

23 min.: Fullback Tillotson blasts Vest's cornerkick over the bar.

28 min.: Hogg's good cross goes begging as the ball rolls across the Kiwi goalmouth.

30 min.: Richards shoots over the bar from 16 metres.

31 min.: Hogg and Utjesenovic interpass cleverly across the whole length of the field but Buljevic heads Dougie's cross over the bar.

32 min.: Utjesenovic's tremendous 40-metre drive beats goalie Curtin all ends up, but the ball just grazes the right upright. It only needed a touch by any of the Australian forwards lurking in the goalmouth to put Australia back on level terms.

33 min.: Marley's header finds the feet of Vest, but his shot is over the bar.

35 min.: Attila Abonyi shoots from 15 metres - straight into Curtin's waiting arms.

37 min.: Wilson blunders and concedes a corner taken by Mal Bland. Tillotson shoots from almost point-blank range but Hogg clears near the Australian line.

40 min.: Richards, three metres from the goalline, on the right wing, throws into the eleven metres - up goes Alston's head and on the second bounce Ernie Campbell gets his head to the ball to score the face-saving equaliser. 1-1.

44 min.: Utjesenovic caps off a great display by saving the draw for Australia, clearing off our line with Corry and the rest of the defence hopelessly beaten.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. March 1973,													
Northern Districts..1 v. Australia..8													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
									James "Jim" Mackay				
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. March 1973, 16.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									28514	
Australia..3 v. Iraq..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Iraq..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
21	GK	Ron Corry					12	GK	Jalal Abdul-Rahman				
2	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					2	DF	Mejbil Fartous				
3	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					3	DF	Abid Kadum (c)				
4	RH	Manfred Schaefer					15	DF	Douglas Aziz Shamasha Eshaya				
5	CH	Bobby Hogg					5	DF	Sahab Khazal				
6	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards	49				6	MF	Shidrak Yousef				
7	OR	James "Jim" Mackay					7	MF	Riyadh Nouri	90			
12	IR	James "Jim" Rooney					10	FW	Ammo Yousef				78
9	CF	Adrian Alston	80, 85				9	FW	Sabah Hatim				67
8	IL	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					8	FW	Salah Obaid				
11	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				23	11	FW	Ali Adnan Kadim Nassir Al-Tameemi				
SUBSTITUTES													
16		William "Ernie" Campbell				23	19		Bashar Rasheed				78
							22		Abdul Razzaq Ahmed				67
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Gyula Teleki				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Fahad Merra				
Referee		Govindsamy Suppiah (Singapore)											
Linesman		Fernando Alvarez (Philippines)											
Linesman		Kim Joo Won (Korea Republic)											

FIFA has the Iraq line-up as:- Gellal Abdul Rahman, Mijbil Fartoss, Abid Khazum, Aziz Douglas, Sahib Khazal, Shadrak Yousif, Ryaz Noory, Amou Yousif, Sabah Hatem, Salah Oubade, Ali Khazum
Substitutes were:- Settar Khalaf, Kaiser Hameed and Abdul Karim.

Player names have been taken as spelt by Hassanin Mubarak (rsssf)

The squad list (preliminary) shown in the Soccer World for Iraq has player name spelling variations.

- No.1 Sattar Kalaf is also shown as Sattar Khalaf and Settar Khalaf.
- No.2 Mijbil Fartus is also shown as Mijbil Fartoss, Mejbil Fartous and Mejbel Fartoos.
- No.3 Abid Nadum is also shown as Abid Kadum, Abid Kadhim and Abid Khazum.
- No.4 Kuisar Abdul Hamid is also shown as Abdul Hamid, Kuisar Hamid, Kaiser Hameed and Kaiser Hamed.
- No.5 Sahab Kasal is also shown as Sahib Khazal.
- No.6 Shidrak Yusif is also shown as Shidrik Yousif, Shadrak Yousif, Shidrak Yousef and Shidrak Yousif.
- No.7 Riad Nuri is also shown as Riad Nouri, Ryaz Noory and Riyadh Nouri.
- No.8 Salah Ahbid is also shown as Salah Ubid, Salah Obaid and Salah Oubade.
- No.9 Sabah Hattem is also shown as Sabah Hatem and Sabah Hatim.
- No.10 Amu Yusif is shown as Ammo Yousif and Emmanuel "Ammo" Yousef..
- No.11 Ali Kadum is shown as Ali Kadhim, Ali Adnan Kadhim Nassir Al-Tameemi, and Ali Kadim Nassir Al-Tameemi.
- No.12 Jalal Abdul Rihman is shown as Gellal Abud-Rahman, Gellal Abdul Rahman and Jalal Abdul-Rahman.
- No.13 Kusiaf Kassim should be Qusai Qasim but he did not take part in the tournament.
- No.14 Ziad Abdul Hamid is also shown as Ziyad Abdul-Hamed and Abdul Hamid.
- No.15 Douglas Aziz ia also shown as Aziz Douglas.
- No.16 Asam Khali should be Essam Khalil but he did not take part in the tournament
- No.17 Sami Jasaim should be Sami Jassim but he did not take part in the tournament.
- No.18 Riad Hajib should be Riyadh Najib but he did not take part in the tournament
- No.19 Bashar Rashid is also shown as Bashar Rasheed
- No.20 Ahmad Fahti is also shown as Ahmed Fathi.
- No.21 Adil Abud should be Adil Aboud but he did not take part in the tournament
- No.22 Abdil Rasak Ahmed is also shown as Rasak Ahmed, Abdul Ahmad Razak and Abdul Razzaq Ahmed.

furthermore Rahim Karim is a reported player. He is also shown as Raheem Kareem, Raheem Karem and Rahim Karim.
Sabeh Abid Ali is a reported player and he is also shown as Abid Sabih and Ali Sabeeh Abid.

match report from Lou Gautier, Soccer World, volume 16 number 9 pages 3, 4 & 5.

At 5.09 last Saturday morning Sydney was hit by an earth tremour. At 4.02 last Sunday afternoon a much more devastating force shattered Iraq.

Iraq's national soccer team, that is . . .

For it was at that precise time that Ray Richards scored Australia's first goal at the Sydney Sportsground, which was to smoulder like a vulcano right up to full-time, thrilling to one Australia's finest soccer victories.

The crowd reactions proved that it takes the World Cup - the greatest sporting event in the world - to stir the passions of the otherwise sedate or cruelly critical soccer fans of Sydney.

Last Sunday it was Israel all over again. The crowd was solidly behind the Australians, with the exception of colorful "pockets" of Iraqi supporters.

But this time there was a happy ending. Australia pulled itself together in the second half to romp home magnificent 3-1 winners, only conceding a goal through lack of concentration in the . . . 92nd minute.

Iraq lost their rhythm after Richards' goal. Their defence was at sixes and sevens, unable to contain the rampant Socceroos.

Sensing their opponents' loss of composure, Australia kept pouring on the pressure.

From about the 55th minute onwards, there could only be one end result, despite a few dangerous Iraqi breakaways and a couple of missed "sitters."

Australia had the match firmly in their grasp. The goal was the tonic they needed. They kept coming at Iraq, whose defence was bound to crack again.

That it did. In the 80th minute Alston, who is not called "Noddy" for nothing, headed in a great cross from Rooney.

And five minutes later the Sportsground erupted barely after the chants of "we want three" had died down when Alston scored again, this time from Utjesenovic's classic centre.

With a bit of luck it could have been 4-0 two minutes later as the ball rolled along the unguarded goalmouth screaming to be banged in.

However, it was Iraq who saved some face with a very late consolation goal, so late in fact that it was scored two minutes into extra-time.

The jubilant Australian supporters barely noticed the goal!

Australia had more than amply made amends for their dismal showing in Auckland, played some of their best football ever and taken a giant stride towards advancing further in the World Cup.

All that, not the cheap goal, was what really mattered.

Victory was all the sweeter because the Aussies were really up against it in the first half.

Anyone who would have forecast the magnitude of Australia's victory at half-time would have probably deserved to be certified.

The Australians, after an encouraging first 25 minutes surrendered the initiative to the polished Iraqis and until the interval our prospects were not too bright.

The Australian forwards persisted in running with the ball instead of running off it. Passes from the midfield were not finding their man and the ball-playing visitors had a stranglehold on the midfield in the first half, despite Richards' omni-presence.

Our rearguard, however, was safe and one always had the impression that the fate of the game rests with the Australian strikers, the defenders, for their part, appearing quite capable of coping with whatever Iraq threw at them.

The first 45 minutes provided typical, tense Cup-tie football, both teams probing each other's weaknesses and taking very few risks.

At that game, one must admit that Iraq were better.

Actually, the 90 minutes last weekend provided two entirely different halves.

Iraq played something like a First Division European side in the first half, minus the shooting and finishing power.

They pushed the ball around nicely, opened up intelligently, and their technically well endowed players seemed to have things always under control.

One had the impression Iraq was quite happy to play for a scoreless draw.

The Australians, who did not jell in the first half, luckily, did not see it that way.

They were after a win, nothing less.

Luckily, Richards' stupendous, "once in a lifetime" goal off Hogg's freekick, came at the right time. What a way that was to start the second half!

It gave the whole team added confidence. Our Forwards started to take on the Iraqi defenders who, pressed, were forced to make errors and lost their cool.

Of vital importance to Australia was the revival of Mackay and Rooney.

Ray Richards, the man of the match, was no longer alone in the midfield.

This trio won us the match. Alston's goals notwithstanding, when they secured a vice-like grip on the midfield early in the second half.

Corry, Utjesenovic, Hogg, Wilson and Schaefer formed a solid line of defence which gave little away.

So little, in fact, that Hogg and Utjesenovic were able to conduct regular forays into attack, from which Australia's first and third goals resulted - the sure sign of a confident team which has the situation well in hand.

Finally, a word on the sportsmanship of the Iraq team.

The manner in which their players took the bitter pill of defeat does them credit. I have never seen a more sporting team.

During the entire game, which was played in a friendly spirit, there were no ill-tempered outbursts on their part, no recriminations, very few fouls, and always a helping hand to get an Australian player back on his feet.

Iraq's refreshing sportsmanship spread to the Australians, who also rarely resorted to strong-arm tactics. As a result the task of the excellent referee from Singapore, Govindsamy Suppiah, was made immensely easier.

Australia v. Iraq match highlights

1 min.: Straight from kick-off Salah Ubaid races almost to the corner before slipping a pass to Hattem whose shot is blocked by Schaefer, conceding the first corner of the match.

3 min.: Richards' long throw-in is headed wide of right hand post by the overlapping Utjesenovic.

5 min.: Sahab Kasal, Iraq's centre-half, takes possession of the ball in midfield, lobbing high in the Australian goalmouth, but Corry times it well to clear the danger.

6 min.: Douglas Aziz takes a free-kick from 45 metres after "hands" by Schaefer, but the shot is saved by Corry.

8 min.: Australia apply pressure on the Iraqi defence with fast attacking football, but a rising ball from Richards is missed by both Buljevic and Baartz in front of a packed goal mouth.

10 min.: Bobby Hogg gathers a ball from Corry in midfield, advances to within 40 metres, but his curving shot goes well wide of the target.

12 min.: Alston wins the ball, gets past two defenders and passes to Mackay, who quickly returns it, cutting off stopper Kadum, but Alston's full-blooded drive sails over the bar.

18 min.: A quick free-kick by Hogg sent Alston through on the right. "Noddy" kicks a difficult shot over the line for a goal-kick.

19 min.: Bobby Hogg clears a dangerous situation when he snatches the ball from the feet of Sabah Hattem, who was through and about to shoot with only Corry in front of him.

23 min.: Harrassed by several defenders, Baartz broke through and his shot forces Jalal Abdul Rahman to bring the first good save of the match.

28 min.: Long pass by Jim Mackay to Campbell on the 18-metre line, weak shot on the run and Rahman smothers the ball without difficulty.

29 min.: Shidrik Yousif and Ali Kadum figure in beautiful interchange of passing to break through on the left wing, Kadum firing a perfect pass in the goalmouth but Corry gathers the ball with Hattem almost on top of him.

30 min.: Salah Ubaid breaks loose with a flashing run on the left to the corner flag, sends a square pass into the goalmouth wher Ali Kadum misses the easiest of "sitters" by hitting the ball over the bar from only four metres.

44 min.: Mackay takes the pressure off the Australian defence by working the ball to the right, jumping two defenders before sending Alston through with a precision pass. Rahman makes a great save to stop Alston from scoring.

50 min.: Jim Mackay takes a freekick on the left 40 metres out, Richards pulls the ball down in the goalmouth and beats Rahman with a rising scorcher to the left hand corner of the net. 1-0

54 min.: Sabah Hattem pounces on a high lob from the defence but is forced to shoot out as Wilson and Schaefer converge to block his angle.

55 min.: With three defenders in hot pursuit, Mackay breaks through on the right but only manages a weak shot.

57 min.: Brilliant inter-passing between Mackay and Alston splits the Iraqi defence but Adib Kadum nips in in time to stop Campbell from shooting from close range.

58 min.: Long throw-in by Richards missed by Baartz in the air and the ball slides to Rooney's feet unexpectedly. His hurried shot goes over the bar.

61 min.: Baartz latches on to a low ball, but finds Aziz in the way and the ball is deflected out of play.

65 min.: Baartz again slips past Shidrak Yousif and Abid Kadum to let fly with a sizzling shot that fully extends Rahman.

67 min.: A good dribbling run by Salah Ubaid on the right, who sends a square pass to the unmarked Riad Nuri, whose hurried thunderdrive grazes the crossbar.

68 min.: Alston out-manoeuvres the Iraqi defence, shooting low and hard to the left but Rahman brings up a brilliant save. However, he could not hold the ball, and under pressure Abid Kadum clears to corner. From Richards' corner Baartz heads wide.

70 min.: Richards sends a cross into the goalmouth, which is mis-hit backwards by Riad Nuri, who nearly scores an own goal.

74 min.: Mackay draws a big cheer from the crowd when he sends a high lob from 40 metres which completely bewildered the goalkeeper, but the ball just goes over the top.

80 min.: Rooney breaks through on the right, draws two defenders towards him before sending a high lob into the goalmouth. Alston leaps high to score with a mighty header, 2-0.

81 min.: Aziz takes a freekick from 20 metres, but Corry comes out and snatches the ball in full flight before it could cause any danger.

83 min.: A fine passing movement between Rooney, Mackay and Campbell with the latter - under pressure - shooting straight into Rahman's hands.

85 min.: Rooney wins the ball in midfield, slips it quickly to Utjesenovic, who flashes it into the goalmouth for Alston to chip it home by the side of the shoe for a brilliant third Australian goal, 3-0.

92 min.: Australia's defence relaxes Mijbil Fartus advances on the wing, sends a lob to Ubaid on the left who quickly sends a through-pass to Riad Nuri who, in turn, lets fly a right-footed shot that beats Corry for a "consolation" goal, 3-1.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
13th. March 1973, 21.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								12763		
Australia..2 v. Indonesia..1													
half time, Australia..2 v. Indonesia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
21	GK	Ron Corry					1	GK	Ronny Pasla				
2	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					4	RB	Yuswardi				
3	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					5	LB	Sunarto				
4	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	Anwar Udjang (c)				
5	CH	Bobby Hogg					11	CH	Widodo H.S.				
6	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards						LH	Suaeb Rizal				
7	OR	James "Jim" Mackay					13	OR	Ronny Pattinasarany				
12	IR	James "Jim" Rooney				55	12	IR	Sarman Panggabean				80
9	CF	Adrian Alston	42				20	CF	Iswadi Idris	36			79
8	IL	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					17	IL	Jacob Sihasale				
16	OL	William "Ernie" Campbell	22			76	19	OL	Abdul Kadir				
SUBSTITUTES													
18		Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				76	18		Waskito				80
11		Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				55	16		Anjas Asmara				79
Team Coach						Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic		Team Coach		Dr.Endang Witarsa			
								Team Trainer					
Team Manager								Team Manager		Fred Hutasoit			
Referee		Dau Van Dzu (South Vietnam)											
Linesman		K.Mahrendran (Malaysia)											
Linesman		Luk Tat Sun (Hong Kong)											

Note that Anwar Udjang and Suaeb Rizal did not appear in the squad list as shown in the Soccer World.

Ronald Hermanus Pattinasarany is also shown as Ronny Pattinasarani and Ronny Pattinasarany. Ronny Pasla is also shown as Ronny Paslah and Rony "Recko" Paslah. Abdul Kadir is also shown as Abdil Kadir. Rahman Halim is also shown as Rachman Halim.

The following spelling corrections of players' names is as supplied by R.N.Bayu Aji (author of the book Tionghoa Surabaya).

Yudo Hadiano is also shown as Yudo Hadyanto and Judo Hadiano

Anak Agung Gede Raka is also shown as A.A.Gedereka

Yuswardi is also shown as Juswardi

Anwar Udjang is also shown as Anwar Ujang

Sutan Harhara is also shown as Sutan Hardarah and Sutan Hanhara.

Muhammad Basri is also shown as M.Basri

Anjas Asmara is also shown as Andias Asmara, Andjas Asmara and Andias Asmara.

Jacob Sihasale is also shown as Juacob Sihasale, Jacob Sihasala and Jacon Sihasale.

match report from Lou Gautier, Soccer World, volume 16 number 9A page 3

Though Australia made hard work of their 2-1 victory against Indonesia last Tuesday, the wide-spread disenchantment with team after the match was quite unreasonable.

Now, Australia played unimaginative, dreary stuff, nothing like in the second half against Iraq last Sunday, but why the exaggerated gloom?

We won, after all, I hate to think what the atmosphere would have been like had Indonesia fluked a draw.

Fans almost anywhere else would have been quite happy to win a World Cup match which, let me hasten to add, Australia deserved to win ten times over, anyhow.

But not Sydney's hard-to-please soccer fraternity.

They are far too critical, quick to rubbish, on the strength of one disappointing display, the players they praised ecstatically less than 48 hours before.

A glance at Einar Persen's match statistics should convince every one that it was mainly one-way traffic on Tuesday.

Granted, we took the happy-go-lucky boys from Jakarta and Surabaya too lightly, and under-estimated them after last year's 4-1 win, but Australia was dead unlucky not to win by a much wider margin all the same.

The match was anti-climatic for the Australians after their epic win against Iraq on Sunday.

They didn't take the field with the determined, "fight-till-you-drop" attitude which has always produced Australia's greatest international victories.

Conscious of their superiority over the lighter, soft and rather naïve Asians, they rarely applied the pressure that must inevitably demoralise a team like Indonesia, which cannot stand up to a pounding.

When Australia turned it on after Ernie Campbell's 23rd minute goal, the floodgates looked like opening.

Tragically, for Australia, it was that period of crushing domination, when a second goal appeared imminent, which Doug Utjesenovic chose to make his monumental blunder.

Fiddling with the ball across the goalmouth, he had it taken away from him in a flash and before the Australian defence could regroup before Ron Corry, Iswadi had cleverly back-heeled the ball into the net for an equaliser that came completely against the run of play.

Luckily, two minutes before halftime, a well rehearsed freekick paid dividends when Adrian Alston scored a glorious 20-metre goal from a set play which thoroughly confused the Indonesians.

One expected Australia, having regained the lead at the very best possible time, to really turn it on after the interval.

All the 12,700 fans, who had greeted the Socceroos as they ran on the field with the most thunderous ovation any Australian team ever received, got was a procession of high balls kicked aimlessly into the Indonesian goalmouth.

Despite their size, the Indonesians proved agile in the air, and managed to pluck the ball off the heads of Australia's six-footers without too much bother.

Most surprising to me was the reluctance of most of the Australian players to take on and challenge their opponents when they were in possession.

Ray Richards, Alston and, to a lesser degree, Jimmy Mackay, who attempted to do this, more often than not came away with the ball.

Australia missed a great opportunity to improve on their goal difference.

Indonesia has some skilful players.

Most of their men are technically well equipped, but they have neither the physique, stamina or technical know-how to envisage anything but a pretty bleak, limited immediate international future.

That Australia should have let them off the hook is galling, to say the least.

Such was our territorial domination - however fruitless - that on the few occasions Indonesia ventured into attack, out of their stereotyped, ineffective triangular midfield pattern, the Australian defenders were caught out of position.

The match was anything but a classic, but the closeness in the scores - entirely the Aussies' doing - kept the crowd in nail-biting suspense right up to the final whistle, which was welcome music to Aussie fans fearful of a flukey late equaliser.

I would have thought that most Australian supporters would have smiled in relief. Instead, all that could be seen were long-drawn faces all the way to the dressing-room.

Certainly, they had every right to be disappointed and to expect better football from the team but, by the same token, two World Cup points are not to be sneezed at and joy rather than gloom should have been prevalent.

Australia: Ron Corry, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Bobby Hogg, Ray Richards, Jim Mackay, Ray Baartz, Adrian Alston, Jim Rooney (Branko Buljevic, second half), Ernie Campbell (Attila Abonyi, 76 min.).

Indonesia: Ronny Pasla, Juswardi, Sunarto, Anwar Udjang, Widodo, Suaeib Rizal, Ronny Pattinasarany, Sarman Panggabean (Waskito 80 min.), Iswadi (Asmara 79 min.), Jacob Sihasale, Abdul Kadir.

Australia v. Indonesia match highlights

5 min.: Richards takes a freekick well outside for Australia but his lob towards goal is well cleared by goalie Pasla.

6 min.: Hogg wins the ball in midfield, crosses to Baartz, but Panggabean tackles hard for a foul. From the freekick, Baartz shoots high over the bar.

8 min.: Hogg centres to Schaefer, who quickly crosses to the unmarked mackay, who flicks on to Alston, but Juswardi anticipates the move and under pressure clears to corner.

9 min.: First corner for Australia - by Hogg - the goalkeeper fails to clear and the ball bounces off a defender for another corner.

11 min.: Iswardi breaks through on the left with a lightning run, crosses swiftly to Pattinasarany, who forces Corry to make the first save for Australia.

14 min.: Indonesia force their first corner of the match. Panggabean sends in a curling ball from the right, Corry misses it completely and with the ball bouncing loose towards goal, Schaefer just puts his foot to it in time to clear it off the line to prevent a certain goal.

15 min.: Richards takes a long throw-in well inside Indonesian territory, over to Alston's head, who nods it down to Baartz, who lets fly with a sizzler that hits Pasla full pelt on the line, but the ball, somehow, bounces off into play.

20 min.: Richards' throwin into the goalmouth punched to corner by Pasla. Richards' corner-kick is taken cleanly this time by Pasla.

21 min.: Campbell breaks through on the left wing, rounds two defenders before sending an accurate pass down the middle to Alston who heads towards goal but Juswardi clears the danger.

23 min.: Richards weaves his way through the middle, passes to mackay, who sends Utjesenovic through on the right. Pasla fails to grasp the cross and Campbell races in to score in the empty net. 1-0 Australia.

25 min.: Pasla, at full stretch, makes a brilliant save off a 35-metre shot by Baartz, turning an awkward shot into a corner.

28 min.: Richards' long throw-in deceives Pasla, catching him out of position, but Juswardi hurriedly clears to Richards whose lob in the goalmouth is taken well by the goalie this time.

32 min.: Pattinasarany wins the ball in midfield, passes to Kadir, but a perfect tackle by Wilson saves Australia from the gravest of great dangers.

36 min.: Panggabean passes to Sihasale. Utjesenovic lose the interception foolishly, allowing Sihasale to slip the ball to Iswadi, who beautifully back-heels past Corry into the net for the equaliser. 1-1.

42 min.: Richards is brought down on the edge of the penalty area. He takes the free-kick to Baartz, who slips the ball back for Alston to let fly with a right-footed scorcher to score in the left hand corner of the net.

2-1 Australia.

Second Half

46 min.: Freekick by Widodo to Sihasale, Wilson tackles but accidentally handles. The freekick is taken by Pattinasarany, but Hogg clears.

52 min.: Short corner from Buljevic to Hogg, who lobs into the goalmouth, but Pasla makes a mighty leap to pluck the ball over the heads.

55 min.: Buljevic works the ball on the left, passes to Mackay, who swiftly slips the ball to Baartz, whose drive forces Pasla to make another brilliant save.

59 min.: Kadir eludes Hogg and Schaefer before sending a through-pass to Iswadi, who latches on to the ball, but misses badly and Corry takes it.

61 min.: Hogg passes crossfield to Richards on the right, who lets fly with a sizzling shot that skims the crossbar.

63 min.: Wilson and Schaefer leave the ball to each other, allowing Iswadi to pounce on it. A very sticky situation for the Australian defence.

75 min.: Baartz is brought down heavily in the penalty area by Pasla, but referee Dau Van Dzu does not award a penalty.

76 min.: A good chance for Australia. Baartz breaks through, passes to Alston, who heads the ball downward to Richards, who shoots with Pasla well out of position, but Sunarto clears just in time.

86 min.: Baartz sends Buljevic through. He dribbles past two defenders but, pressed by Juswardi, his shot goes to the side of the net from 10 metres.

87 min.: Utjesenovic takes a freekick, sending the ball into the goalmouth, where Abonyi's header is metres over the crossbar.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
16th. March 1973, 21.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								14071		
Australia..3 v. New Zealand..3													
half time, Australia..3 v. New Zealand..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Kevin Curtin				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović	11					RB	Maurice Tillotson				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Colin Latimour				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	John Staines				
	CH	Bobby Hogg	86(og)					CH	Ron Armstrong				
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards						LH	Brian Turner				
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	Tommy Randles				
	IR	James "Jim" Rooney						IR	Dennis Tindall	50			
	CF	Adrian Alston						CF	Alan Vest	10			
	IL	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	19					IL	David Taylor				75
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	26					OL	Brian Hardman				46
SUBSTITUTES													
									Max Davies				75
									Tony Sibley				46
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Barrie Truman				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		K.Mahrendran (Malaysia)					Team Manager		Charlie Dempsey				
Linesman		Govindsamy Suppiah (Singapore)											
Linesman		Luk Tat Sun (Hong Kong)											

match report from Mike Renwick, Soccer World, volume 16 number 10 page 3.

If nothing else, last Friday's debacle against New Zealand should kill the myth that we are so much more sophisticated than our neighbors across the Tasman.

Last week we both were in the same leaky old boat, playing Fifth Division British stuff in an era when even the first-class English and Scottish football is no longer adequate at international level.

The match started ominously when, in the 10th minute, Vest scored for New Zealand after a lapse by the Australian defence, standing still and flatfooted in the goalmouth.

Luckily, a clever goal by Utjesenovic half a minute later prevented whatever traumatic effects this Kiwi temerity might have created.

Then, for the next 15 minutes or so, Australia moved into what can now be regarded for them as the top gear: there was some method in our attack, punch in the forward line, and the old determination to win.

Baartz and Buljevic got two more quick goals and, after 26 minutes, New Zealand's goose looked properly cooked.

With a commanding 3-1 lead and a team in full cry, Australian fans began to speculate on the final score; few were prepared to settle for less than half a dozen.

But it wasn't to be. For some inexplicable reason, the flare-up died down, and New Zealand were let off the hook.

In the second half we saw, in cinemascopic vision, all the glaring, traditional weaknesses of Australian soccer plus the several structural faults of this present team.

Our lack of pure skill became painfully obvious against a New Zealand equally modestly endowed in these departments.

Most of our players were escaping from the ball as though it carried some germs; nobody had the ability or spirit to show the slightest sign of enterprise.

players standing a few feet apart were pushing the ball back and forth inanely, just so that they won't be caught in possession.

Our passes, seldom brilliant, became embarrassingly inaccurate: Mackay, Schaefer and Baartz systematically gave away the ball.

It all looked bad, dismally bad. There was a team, supposedly the cream of a country's elite, without a single solitary idea what to do with the ball, how to introduce a wall-pass, how to go through a packed defence.

When Alston, Baartz or Buljevic saw their paths blocked, they started to run sideways, then backwards, like so many frightened crabs.

Even the usually reliable midfield looked jaded and stopped feeding the strikers.

For some reason, everybody seemed to expect Richards to produce the necessary miracle: Richards took the freekicks, the corner-kicks and, even near the halfway mark, the throws-in, as if everybody else lacked the ability or confidence for these rudimentary skills.

New Zealand, dreary, unimaginative and uncreative as they may be, sensed that, even at 1-3, the match was not yet over.

They began to fling the ball around confidently and, much to our eternal humiliation, outplayed the Australians.

In the 50th minute they narrowed the gap: a cross from the right floated behind Schaefer and Wilson, standing square, unwilling to move and intercept and Tindall had the easiest of chances to convert, facing only Corry.

That was the point when Rasic should have realised that his jaded, uninspired team is in trouble and send in two replacements to pep things up.

Surely, by that time, nobody could have objected to any of several - Rooney, Baartz, Buljevic or Alston - being replaced; surely the writing was on the wall that these 11 players, going through their third match in five days, were simply not only inadequate, but also tired.

But Rasic, out of conservatism or misinterpreted loyalty to his men, stuck to his guns - and paid the price.

With four minutes to go, one of the very rare and usually harmless-looking New Zealand raids brought up the equaliser when yet another misunderstanding between Corry and his defence resulted in Hogg all but heading the ball into the net, out of Corry's hands.

This was the final insult added to 90 minutes of injured soccer ego. The impossible happened; the under-rated, despised and not particularly bright Kiwis forced Australia to yet another draw.

Apart from the fifteen minute inspired burst in the first half, all Australians played well below their best. What was even more catastrophic: once again the team had no style, no strategic plans, no tactical concepts, no imagination.

Corry had an unhappy day: before the first and third goals his hesitancy proved costly. Of the four fullbacks, only Utjesenovic proved adequate, the others were dull and error-prone. In midfield Richards played well in the first half, then, due to an abnormal load on his shoulders, tired badly. Mackay was timid, Rooney, despite his willing busy-bee style, unproductive. Of the strikers only Alston had one or two good moments; Baartz and Buljevic were disappointing throughout and, but for their fine goals, would have been unnoticed. This is how we marked the Aussies: Corry 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Wilson 4, Hogg 3, Richards 4, Mackay 3, Baartz 3, Alston 4, Rooney 3, Buljevic 3. In the New Zealand team I liked Staines, Tindall and Turner the most, though Vest, Armstrong and Latimour also rose to the occasion.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
18th. March 1973, 15.45			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria								10684		
Australia..0 v. Iraq..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Iraq..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	James "Jim" Fraser					1	GK	Sattar Khalaf				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					2	DF	Mejbil Fartous				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					3	DF	Abid Kadim (c)				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer					4	DF	Kuisar Abdul Hamed				
	CH	Bobby Hogg						DF	Raheem Karim				
	LH	James "Jim" Mackay					15	MF	Douglas Aziz Shamasha Eshaya				
	OR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					7	MF	Riyadh Nuri				87
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					19	FW	Bashar Rasheed				
	CF	Adrian Alston					22	FW	Abdul Razzaq Ahmed				
	IL	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				65	9	FW	Sabah Hatim				62
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				77	8	FW	Salah Obaid				
SUBSTITUTES													
		James "Jim" Rooney				65	6		Shedrak Yousif				87
		Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				77	11		Ali Adnan Kadim Nassir Al-Tameemi				62
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Gyula Teleki				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Masatoshi Nagashima (Japan)					Team Manager		Fahad Merra				
Linesman		K.Mahendran (Malaysia)											
Linesman		Dau Van Dzu (South Vietnam)											

FIFA has the Iraq line-up as:- Settar Khalaf, Mejil Fartoss, Abid Khazum, Kaiser Hameed, Abdul Karim, Aziz Douglas, Ryaz Noory, Beshar Rasheed, Abdul Razak Ahmad, Sabah Hatem, Salah Oubade.
Substitutes were:- Gellal Abdul Rahman, Sahib Khazal and Amou Yousif.

match report from Lou Gautier, Soccer World, volume 16 number 10 page 5.
Mission accomplished - that was the unanimous consensus of opinion in the Australian camp after last Sunday's scoreless draw with Iraq at Melbourne's Olympic Park.
Australia set out not to lose this match as it was imperative we stay ahead of Iraq.
The draw was treated as a victory by the Australians whose relieved, happy after-match behavior was a startling contrast to the morgue-like atmosphere that prevailed after the 3-3 against New Zealand.
The Iraklis were not so happy. They charged that the Australians had played "rugby".
Actually, the match was not particularly rough.
The Australians' "they shall not pass" mood prevailed.
They rather easily contained Iraq's forwards, who rarely threatened the goal that was confidently defended by Jim Fraser.
Jim Cook's match statistics elsewhere on this page testify that the Iraklis were very much the passive party in this match, on the whole submitting instead of taking the bull by the horns.
Their somewhat strange tactics were incomprehensible.
After all, it was Iraq that absolutely had to win, not Australia.
Yet, they played for the 90 minutes at one pace, never varying or accelerating their tempo.
One had the impression it was they who were playing out time, happy with one point.
Iraq's astonishing tactics played right into the hands of the Australian team, whose defence grew more confident and safe as the match progressed.
It was a very tense, nervous Australian side that took the field, still haunted by the nightmarish draw with the Kiwis two days earlier.
Australia started off tentatively, yet we should have been one-up after five minutes when Tolson's shot was miraculously cleared off the line.
Though Australia played its best football in attack after the interval, with the inclusion of Abonyi for the catastrophic Buljevic, we came nearest to scoring in the first 15 minutes.
Alston, too, in the first period was terribly unlucky to see his shot saved off the line.
"Noddy" had an active match, trying to shoot at every opportunity, but was well marked.
Rasic wisely took off Buljevic at halftime to bring Abonyi in. It was a good move as the St.George striker was determined to show he is good enough to have a permanent berth in the national side.
I've never seen a more resolute Abonyi: he chased every ball, tackled and worried the hell out of the opposition, and revitalised the Australian attack.
Though a quick breakaway goal by Iraq was always a possibility, Australia had the match well in hand during the whole second half.
True, we fared rather badly in front of goal, but the players were, above all, mentally geared for the draw.
That they achieved it so easily is a tribute to them.
By winning that vital point at Olympic Park, Australia probably won the tournament.
I must angrily report that this was done without any help from the Melbourne crowd.
Australia might as well have played in Seoul or in Jakarta, for all the vocal and moral encouragement they received from the spectators.
It is about time the ASF stopped bowing to "political" pressure. The national team should never play in Melbourne. It is definitely hostile territory, as is Adelaide.
All vital internationals must be played in Sydney, or in Brisbane, who could, surely, come up with a 10,000 crowd like in Melbourne last Sunday.
The game last weekend only netted \$16,500 at the gate - almost \$10,000 less than the midweek double-headers in Sydney.

So much for the advantages of playing in Melbourne, where soccer, anyhow, is moribund.

The Australian defence, so shaky against the Kiwis, was magnificent against Iraq, with the rearguard taking pride of place with Ray Richards.

Richards, Wilson, Hogg, Utjesenovic and Fraser - that's the order in which I rated Australia's best performers.

Richards was his usual aggressive, dynamic self, Wilson "swept" everything away, Hogg demoralised his winger and overlapped magnificently this time, as did Utjesenovic, who also easily had the measure of his direct opponent.

Baartz and Mackay, especially the latter, improved out of sight in the second half while Rooney's inclusion in the 62nd minute brought a touch of creativity to the midfield.

The strikers, Abonyi, excepted, were not as impressive, but Alston often came out on top when he took his man on.

Oh, if he only had more confidence in his undoubted skill and tried it more often!

Tolson served his purpose well as the "battering ram" that shook the Iraqi rearguard, particularly their "general", the head-bandaged Abid Kadum, but what can one say about Buljevic, who couldn't even rise to the occasion in his home town and failed so dismally?

This is how I marked the Australians, from 1 to 6: Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 4, Wilson 5, Schaefer 3, Hogg 5, Richards 5, Mackay 4, Baartz 3, Alston 3, Tolson 3, Buljevic 2 (Abonyi 4).

For the subdued Iraklis, who again "died" in the second half despite the many fine players in their ranks, I liked fullback Fartus, winghalf Nuri and the skipper, Abid Kadum.

The Iraqi defence, under Kadum's leadership, looked every bit as tight as Australia's, but once he tired, in the last 20 minutes or so, Iraq's defence panicked to allow Australia to play all over them.

The Japanese referee, Masatoshi Nagashima, was excellent.

Australia drew with Iraq 0-0 (0-0).

Australia: Jim Fraser, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Bobby Hogg, Ray Richards, Jim Mackay, Ray Baartz, Adrian Alston, Max Tolson (Jim Rooney 65 min.), Branko Buljevic (Attila Abonyi, halftime).

Iraq: Sattar Khalaf, Mijbil Fartus, Abid Kadum, Abdul Hamid, Raheem Karim, Douglas Aziz, Riad Nuri (Shidrak Yousef 87 min.), Bashir Rashid, Abdul Razak Ahmed, Sabah Hattem (Ali Kadum 62 min.), Salah Ubid.

Referee: Masatoshi Nagashima (Japan).

Linesmen: K.Mahendran (Malaysia), Dau Van Dzu (South Vietnam).

Crowd: 10,800 (double-header) at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B, Group 2													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. March 1973, 15.45			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									12390	
Australia..6 v. Indonesia..0													
half time, Australia..3 v. Indonesia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
22	GK	James "Jim" Fraser					1	GK	Ronny Pasla				24
2	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješeniović					5	RB	Sunarto				
3	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Anwar Udjang (c)				
4	RH	Manfred Schaefer					6	RH	Rahman Halim				
5	CH	Bobby Hogg					11	CH	Widodo				46
7	LH	James "Jim" Mackay	3, 40				16	LH	Anjas Asmara				
8	OR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	78					OR	Suaeb Rizal				
6	IR	Raymond "Ray" Richards	72				12	IR	Sarman Panggabean				
18	CF	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	23, 54				18	CF	Waskito				
9	IL	Adrian Alston					17	IL	Jacob Siharsale				
11	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				46	21	OL	Max Timisela				
SUBSTITUTES													
10		Maxwell "Max" Tolson				46	2	GK	Yudo Hadianito				24
							8		Sutan Harhara				46
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Dr.Endang Witarsa				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Fred Hutasoit				
Referee		Masatoshi Nagashima (Japan)											
Linesman		Govindsamy Suppiah (Singapore)											
Linesman		Dau Van Dzu (South Vietnam)											

match report from Lou Gautier, Soccer World, volume 16 number 11 page 3.

Australia blazed their way to a crushing 6-0 victory against Indonesia last Saturday to win subgroup B2 of the Asian World Cup qualifying group.

The rejuvenated Socceroos, fit and rested after a six-day break, couldn't have finished the tournament on a brighter note.

Their display amply made up for some of their disappointing earlier performances - and how the crowd loved them for it!

The reconciliation between the national team and their fans was complete.

The roars and chants that accompanied every goal and the emotional after-match scenes testify to this.

The Sportsground crowd "willed" the Socceroos to victory.

The atmosphere was the most electric-ever at an international soccer match in Australia.

It was a real pity, however, that only 12,390 turned up in good weather to watch Australia's biggest-ever international victory at home.

Those faithful "aficionados" who did come certainly had plenty to cheer about, even if the Indonesians were well below par.

In the flush of Australia's huge win it must not be forgotten, however, that Indonesia took the field without four of their key players.

Missing from their side last Saturday were fullback Judwardi, midfield play-maker Pattinasarany and those two clever, nippy forwards, winger Abdul Kadir, and inside-forward Iswadi.

They also lost the services of the series' star goalkeeper, Ronny Pasla, badly injured against the post after 24 minutes only.

This, however, cannot detract from the Aussies' great victory.

Iraq's 4-0 win in the early match put tremendous pressure on them: a draw would have been fatal.

They had to win, and preferably win well, to make amends for some of their uninspiring earlier displays.

On all counts their vital mission was accomplished.

Indonesia can thank their lucky stars the score did not reach double-figures.

On no less than five occasions they were saved by the posts or the crossbar (Richards twice and Abonyi, Tolson and Alston once each).

Indonesia rarely crossed the halfway mark. They clearly lacked motivation and, at times, for the Australians it was like taking candy from a child.

The Indonesians did look frail and child-like compared to the virile, assured Aussies, who have seldom turned on such power-packed football.

Australia worked smoothly in every department. There were a minimum of mistakes and it was difficult to fault the way they played, even if the opposition was second-rate.

To the locals' credit they did not allow their opponents to drag them down to their level.

By taking charge straight from the kick-off, and scoring almost at once - in the third minute - they never gave Indonesia a chance to regain their shattered composure.

Every Australian played his part in the huge win.

There were no failures, many first-class individual performances, though it was the team-work which was the really pleasing feature of the victory.

This is how I marked the Australians: Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 5, Wilson 4, Hogg 5, Richards 5, Mackay 5, Baartz 3, Aboyi 5, Alston 3, Buljevic 4 (Tolson 3).

Jim Fraser did the little he had to do expertly and must now rate as Australia's Number One choice in goal, whether Jack Reilly gets back in the squad or not.

Utjesenovic and Hogg, the masters of the overlap, did untold damage in Indonesian ranks, spreading terror whenever they struck.

Australia was the only team in the series whose backs overlapped, taking over the role of wingers.

Peter Wilson was never under any pressure.

He had a tension-free 90 minutes and was superbly backed up by Manfred Schaefer, who was back at his best and far too aggressive and domineering for the dwarf-like Indonesians.

Ray Richards and Jim Mackay were the kings of the midfield, both playing a much more attacking role than usual because of Australia's overwhelming superiority from go to whoa.

Mackay's two goals were brilliantly taken and his deft precision passes created countless attacking moves.

Richards, the best player of the entire tournament, was dreadfully unlucky to twice hit the woodwork.

If anyone deserved a hat-trick it was the dynamic Marconi star, now firmly established as the idol of the Sydney soccer crowd.

Ray Baartz did not have much luck with his shots: he has appeared somewhat jaded throughout the series, but this does not diminish the fact he has worked hard and tirelessly, often in an unglamorous role.

Of the strikers, Attila Abonyi stuck out by the proverbial mile. "Atti" scored two goals, made the first and also hit the upright.

His second half performance against Iraq in Melbourne and inspired effort last Saturday should ensure him a regular right-wing spot in the remainder of the Socceroos' World cup campaign.

Branko Buljevic played better than in recent outings, was instrumental in the third goal and, generally, justified his criticised selection.

Adrian Alston figured in some clever runs, but failure to part with the ball was his undoing on many occasions while Max Tolson, who came in at halftime, had a hand in two goals.

Hanhara fouled him in the 54th minute to cause the penalty which Abonyi converted, and in the 72nd minute it was big Max's persistency that won him the ball that set up Richards' goal.

The Indonesians, who were completely outclassed, were best served by skipper Udjang and long-haired Asmara.

The Japanese referee, Masatoshi Nagashima, was excellent, like all the referees throughout the series.

Match highlights:-

1 min.: Halim takes the ball in the midfield, advances and sends a high lob to Rizal who quickly square passes it to Waskito, whose shot is wide to the right of Fraser.

3 min.: Utjesenovic sends Abonyi racing on the right. "Atti" rounds off two defenders before crossing to Mackay in the goalmouth. From close range, Mackay's right footed shot smashes its way past goalkeeper

Ronny Pasla in the lower left hand corner of the net. 1-0.

5 min.: Halim wins the ball in the centre, crosses to Udjang on the right, who quickly passes across field to Panggabean, but his attempt at goal is well wide of the mark.

8 min.: Abonyi crosses the ball to Hogg near the penalty area, who lobs it to Alston ahead of him. Alston leaps high to head the ball towards an empty net but Halim heads safely towards the goalkeeper.

10 min.: Richards is fouled by Rizal. He takes the freekick himself but his hard shot hits Halim for the first corner of the match.

12 min.: Utjesenovic, on the right, to Abonyi on the wing, who crosses to Baartz, who sends a hard shot across the goalmouth without connecting and the ball crosses the line.

16 min.: A long throw by Richards lands straight into the goalkeeper's waiting hands, but his clearance goes to Utjesenovic who passes to Mackay, who sends Buljevic through, but Pasla gets to the ball first.

18 min.: Alston splits the Indonesian defence with a cross to Buljevic on the left. Branko sends a perfect cross over to Abonyi who, with a leaping header, forces Pasla to make a superb save into corner.

23 min.: Pasla throws the ball lightly to Halim, Abonyi intercepts, wins the ball, runs a few metres and steers it past the advancing Pasla into the left hand corner of the net. 2-0.

25 min.: Good interchange of passes between Utjesenovic, Abonyi, Alston and back to Abonyi for the latter to shoot wide.

32 min.: A brilliant forward move by Alston, Baartz and Buljevic gives Baartz the opportunity to shoot on target, but replacement goalkeeper Hadiano brings off a good save.

38 min.: Abonyi dribbles past a defender on the wing but his shot goes over the bar.

40 min.: Buljevic takes on three defender, dribbles past them, passes to Mackay, who beats the fully outstretched Hadiano with a sizzling shot for his second goal. 3-0.

45 min.: Indonesia break through on the right, Rizal crosses into the goalmouth where Fraser lunges for the ball, misses it, but with Waskito converging, Richards nips in to clear a dangerous situation.

Second Half

46 min.: Richards breaks through the middle for a 40-metre shot that forces Hadiano to save well.

50 min.: Tolson crosses to Abonyi, who sends in a scorching shot which hits the right hand post and rebounds into play to be cleared.

52 min.: Tolson breaks through, sends a pass to Alston who lets the ball through his legs for Baartz to shoot hard, but off-target.

54 min.: Hanhara brings Tolson down in a tackle for a penalty. Abonyi makes no mistake with a swerving spot kick. 4-0.

55 min.: Halim advances with the ball, passes to Rizal, but Schaefer puts his foot first trying to clear, then hits the ball backwards instead, for Halim to head towards Waskito, whose shot is wide.

61 min.: Indonesia break away and after an interchange of passing Waskito crosses into the middle for Sihasale to head at full pelt but Fraser brings off a good save.

65 min.: A long throw-in by Richards into the goalmouth but Tolson is ruled offside. From the goalkick Mackay takes possession, passes the ball to Baartz who sends a shot in, but Hadiano saves.

69 min.: Utjesenovic crosses to Alston who leaps high for a brilliant header which is saved acrobatically by Hadiano.

70 min.: Richards ventures into the attack, gets a pass from Alston and lets fly with a scorcher that hits the crossbar.

73 min.: Tolson wins the ball from Sunarto, flicks it to Richards, right in front, who has all the time in the world to pick his shot and score. 5-0.

75 min.: Richards hits the post with a tremendous first-time drive.

78 min.: Hogg sends the ball into the goalmouth, Udjang heads it out to the onrushing Baartz, who hits the ball with terrific force to score. 6-0.

85 min.: Abonyi crosses to Alston, who passes to Baartz, who shoots goalwards, the ball hitting Halim on its way into the net, but the referee disallows the "goal" for a foul.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. July 1973, 21.00			E.S.Marks Field, Kensington, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Athletics Field)									1623	
Victoria..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Victoria..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John "Jack" Reilly						GK	James "Jim" Fraser				
								MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
								MF	John Warren				
	MF	Peter Bourne											
	FW	Jim Armstrong											
	FW	Frank Micic	24						Adrian Alston	53, 68			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Steve Perry				46
									Colin "Col" Bennett				46*
									John McDonald				46**
									Josip "Joe" Alagich				46***
									Billy Rogers				46****
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 12/7/1973, page 13

The Australian Soccer team came from behind to beat Victoria 2-1 in a World Cup trial at Sydney Athletic Field last night.

The Australian team's fortunes took a turn for the better with the second half inclusion of Steve Perry, Col Bennett, John McDonald, Joe Alagich and Billy Rogers.

Ironically, four of the substitutes have yet to play in a full international, McDonald being the only one to have played for Australia.

The Victorians began brightly, showing the effects of solid training and the benefit of last Sunday week's highly creditable showing against the Brazilian team, Cruzeiro.

Victorian midfielder Peter Bourne, who narrowly missed selection in the World Cup preliminary squad, was the architect of his team's fighting first-half display.

Victoria opened the scoring after 24 minutes, when Frank Micic ran in to beat Australian goalkeeper Jim Fraser with a wide-angled shot, following a free kick by Jimmy Armstrong.

Although Australia's first-half team probably was coach Rale Rasic's first choice side, the players showed little cohesion.

But the five half-time changes made the national side look a lot sharper.

Adrian Alston cracked in the equaliser eight minutes into the second half, after fine lead-up work by midfielder Mackay.

Fifteen minutes later, Alston was again on hand to head home a chip from John Warren.

Both goals were let in by Australia's former No.1 goalkeeper Jack Reilly, who had replaced the energetic Tom Milisavljevic, now a fellow member of the national squad.

After fading for 25 minutes of the second half, the Victorians came close to scoring on several occasions, only to be thwarted by goalkeeper Fraser.

Victorians Milisavljevic, Reilly and Branko Buljevic, will rejoin the national team for next Wednesday week's match against Northern NSW, in Newcastle.

The Sydney players will have another trial against a first division club side at Garside Park next Wednesday night.

AUSTRALIA 2 (A.Alston 2) beat VICTORIA 1 (F.Micic). Crowd: 1,623.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance			
18th. July 1973,			Garside Park, Granville, New South Wales												
Australia Reserves..4 v. Australia..5															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
									Peter Ollerton	X, X					
		Maxwell "Max" Tolson	X, X						William "Bill" Vojtek	X					
		Josip "Joe" Alagich	X						Raymond "Ray" Richards	X					
		Terry Butler	X						Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	X					
SUBSTITUTES															
Team Coach							Team Coach							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic	
Team Manager							Team Trainer								
Referee							Team Manager								
Linesman															
Linesman															

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. July 1973,			Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales									3500	
Northern New South Wales 'B'..1 v. Australia 'B'..3													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Forbes Wood											
		Werner Winiarczyk											
		Allan Russell											
		Andy Robertson											
		Warren Halverson											
		John Parkes											
		Wayne Leary											
		Graham Cummings							Josip "Joe" Alagich	X			
		Graham Bull							Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	X			
		Steve Werrin	X						Terry Butler	X			
		Paul Robertson											
SUBSTITUTES													
		David Butler											
		James Hogg											
		Ian Stone											
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. July 1973,			Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, Australia									3500	
Northern New South Wales 'A'..0 v. Australia 'A'..5													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Steve Griffiths											
		Ray Johnson											
		Tom Snedden											
		John Clinton											
		John Welham											
		Bruce Tracey											
		Geoff Finch											
		Paul Queenan							Raymond "Ray" Baartz	X, X			
		Peter Irving							William "Bill" Vojtek	X			
		Bogdan Duma							Adrian Alston	X			
		Ken Worden							William "Ernie" Campbell	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Robert Kaiser											
		Daryl Evans											
		Alan Cooper											
Team Coach		R.Frame					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
8th. August 1973,				Brisbane, Queensland											
Queensland 'B'..0 v. Australia 'B'..4															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
									Peter Wilson						
									Peter Ollerton	X, X					
									William "Bill" Vojtek	X					
									Adrian Alston	X					
									William "Ernie" Campbell						
SUBSTITUTES															
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
Team Manager							Team Trainer								
Referee							Team Manager								
Linesman															
Linesman															

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. August 1973,			Brisbane, Queensland										
Queensland 'A'..1 v. Australia 'A'..1													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
									Peter Wilson				
									Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	40			
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. August 1973,			Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, Sydney, New South Wales				Rain						
APIA-Leichhardt..2 v. Australia..2													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
									John Watkiss				
									John Warren				
									Raymond "Ray" Richards				
									James "Jim" Rooney				45
		W.McArthur	X						William "Bill" Vojtek	X			
		P.Deller	X										
									Maxwell "Max" Tolson	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
									James "Jim" Mackay				45
Team Coach							Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sun-Herald, 12/8/1973, page 73

Australian Soccer coach Rale Rasic, who flew to New Zealand last night, must have the composition of his World Cup team all but finalised.

His trip to Auckland, where he will watch Cup opponents Iran play New Zealand today, was made more comforting by the knowledge that midfield star Jimmy Rooney has completely recovered from a troublesome knee injury.

Rooney turned in a wholehearted performance during the national squad's final trial game against Apia-Leichhardt at Marconi Oval yesterday.

A handful of spectators braved the steady rain and cold to see the Australian side held to a 2-2 draw.

While the result may not look good on paper with the first clash against Iran due at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, it obviously assisted Rasic in narrowing his team vacancies.

Winger Ernie Campbell and utility forward Ray Baartz were the only players of the 18-man final squad not to be given a run yesterday.

Jimmy Mackay replaced Rooney at half-time, joining Ray Richards and Johnny Warren in midfield.

Warren showed all his old fire as he worked continually for the ball to establish an attacking pattern. He seems certain to join Mackay and Richards as the midfield trio against Iran on Saturday.

A disappointing feature of the game was the lack of finish in the first half after numerous intelligent and constructively mounted attacks.

Lanky Adrian Alston appeared certain to be used as the central striker, with Baartz, Billy Vojtek, Branko Buljevic and Atti Abonyi fighting for the remaining two places up front.

Rasic is expected back in Sydney tonight, with the Iran squad flying in tomorrow morning.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B Final - 1st. Leg													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
18th. August 1973, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								30881		
Australia..3 v. Iran..0													
half time, Australia..1 v. Iran..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	James "Jim" Fraser					22	GK	Nasser Hejazi				
2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					3	DF	Ebrahim Ashtiani				
3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)	85				4	DF	Jafar Kashani				
4	DF	John Watkiss					5	DF	Akbar Kargarjam				
5	DF	Colin "Col" Curran					7	DF	Mehdi Lavasani				
7	MF	John Warren					9	MF	Mehdi Monajati				
6	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards					6	MF	Parviz Ghelichkhani (c)				
9	MF	Jim Mackay					20	FW	Esmaeil Haj Rahimpour				23
11	FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	46				15	FW	Gholam Hossein Mazloumi				
8	FW	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					10	FW	Javad Ghorab				
10	FW	Adrian Alston	43			76	12	FW	Mohammad Reza Adelkhani				
SUBSTITUTES													
13		William "Bill" Vojtek				76	14		Safar Iranpak				23, 46
							17		Mohammad Sadeghi				46
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Danniel McLennan				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Mahmoud Bayati				
Referee		Rudolf Scheurer (Switzerland)											
Linesman		Leslie Coffman (New Zealand)											
Linesman		Govindsamy Suppiah (Singapore)											

Jafar Kashani is also shown as Kaffar Kashani, Parviz Ghelichkhani is also shown as Parviz Ghleechkhani, Esmail Haj Rahimpour is also shown as Ismael Raj Rahimpour and Esmail Hajrahimpur, Gholam Hossein Mazloumi is also shown as Gholamhossein Mazloomi, Javad Ghoab is also shown as Javad Ghurab, Mohammad Reza Adelkhani is also shown as Mohammadreza Adelkhani.

match report from the Sun-Herald, 19/8/1973, page 41 and 57 by Brian Mossop

The tough Iranian Soccer players wept after Australia had shattered their World Cup dreams with a crushing 3-0 win at the Sydney Sports Ground yesterday.

But the emotional after-match scene in their dressing room was not entirely caused by the drubbing handed out in front of 30,881 excited spectators.

As Iranian thoughts of Munich faded into the background two of their team-mates, forwards Safar Iranpak and Esmail Hajrahimpur were in St Vincent's Hospital with suspected broken legs.

Providing Australia holds its advantage against Iran in Teheran on Friday, they will meet South Korea in October in the final qualifying round before the World Cup proper.

A win over South Korea, regarded as a mere formality, would send the Australian team into the final 16 for the first time.

Matches involving the final 16 teams and the quarter-finals will be played in various cities in West Germany. The semi-finals and final of the Cup will be played in Munich.

The Australians used their speed and strength to beat Iran yesterday, giving a superb display of attacking football.

Lanky striker Adrian Alston put Australia on the victory path with a sizzling goal three minutes from half-time.

But it was the wizardry of right winger Atti Abonyi which really established the home team's superiority.

Iran's chances crumbled after an explosive start to the second half - Abonyi slammed home an angled goal after only 10 seconds.

Australian skipper Peter Wilson sewed up the result seven minutes from the end when he rose high to head home his first goal in four years of international football.

Beaming coach Rale Rasic, although elated at his team's performance, preferred to remain cautious about Friday's return match.

"Three goals is a good lead but we cannot afford to be complacent in Tehran," he said.

Rasic's reference to complacency was an obvious barb at the sometimes listless display by the Australians after they had snatched a two-goal lead.

After dominating the first half and scoring two goals virtually within three minutes, the Australian defence allowed themselves a dangerous loose period.

But the Iranian attack was unable to capitalise on its openings.

Iranian team manager Major Mahmoud Bayati hid his bitter disappointment at the loss behind a reluctant smile.

"We were beaten by a better team," the Major said.

"But we still have the return game in Tehran."

Both teams will go by plane to Tehran later today for the return match in the 100,000-capacity Tehran Stadium.

Because the series will be decided on goal difference, Australia desperately needed to win by a handsome margin yesterday.

From the opening whistle they launched into a frenzied attack to create many scoring chances.

Abonyi, playing probably the finest international of his career, almost got Australia off the ground in the opening minute.

But the Iranian defence, ably marshalled by nuggety skipper Parviz Ghelichkhani, did its job well to hold the eager Australians out.

With referee Rudolf Scheurer keeping tight control the game, although hard, was by no means rough.

In the 25th minute Iran sprang a surprise by substituting right winger Hajrahimpur with Iranpak.

Hajrahimpur was taken to hospital with a suspected broken right leg just below the knee. The ambulance was back at the ground 20 minutes later to take Iranpak away with a suspected left ankle fracture.

But x-rays showed there were no broken bones and they were allowed to return to their team's motel.

With Abonyi setting the attacking pattern and former national skipper John Warren playing a dominating role in midfield the Australians completely swamped Iran in a fast-finishing first half.

But it was not until the 43rd minute that Australia were able to break through.
Full-back Doug Utjesenovic floated a free kick into Iran's goalmouth and Warren leapt up to push the ball back into a tangle of players.
Alston emerged to crack home a sizzling goal.
The second half began sensationally. Iran kicked off only to see Baartz steal the ball and slip through the defence downfield.
His perfect cross found Abonyi unmarked on the right and Abonyi headed almost to the byline before propping and sending a blistering headed shot past disbelieving goalkeeper Nasser Hejazi.
Looking for a breakthrough goal, coach Rasic replaced Alston with Billy Vojtek in the 75th minute, but it was not until eight minutes later that Australia were able to score its third goal.
Utjesenovic was once again the guiding force behind the goal when he floated an accurate free kick into the goalmouth for Wilson to nod the ball down into the back of the net.
The match was watched by South Korean coach Mr. Moon.
AUSTRALIA 3 (A.Alston, A.Abonyi, P.Wilson) beat IRAN 0.
Crowd: 30,881.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Zone B Final - 2nd. Leg													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
24th. August 1973,			Aryamehr Stadium, Tehran, Iran								128000		
Iran..2 v. Australia..0													
half time, Iran..2 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Mansour Rashidi						GK	James "Jim" Fraser				
	DF	Ebrahim Ashtiani						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	DF	Jafar Kashani						DF	Peter Wilson (c)		X		
	DF	Akbar Kargarjam						DF	John Watkiss				
	DF	Ghassim Tabibi						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
	MF	Parviz Ghelichkhani (c)	14(pk), 31					MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	MF	Ali Parvin						MF	John Warren				71
	FW	Karo Haghverdian				76		MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
	FW	Gholam Hossein Mazlumi		X				FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
	FW	Mohammad Sadeghi						FW	Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
	FW	Mohammad Reza Adelkhani				65		FW	Adrian Alston				46
SUBSTITUTES													
		Javad Ghorab				76			James "Jim" Rooney				71
		Asghar Sharafi				65			Maxwell "Max" Tolson				46
Team Coach		Daniel McLennan					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager		Mahmoud Bayati					Team Trainer						
Referee		Pavel Kasakov (U.S.S.R.)					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Mansour Rashidi is also shown as Mansour Raseedi, Karo Haghverdian is also shown as Karo Haqvardian,

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 25/8/1973, page 73

Australia scrambled into the final qualifying round of the World Soccer Cup when they were beaten 2-0 by Iran in Tehran.

Despite the loss, Australia now meet South Korea in October for the right to play in the final 16 in West Germany next year.

Two goals down after only 31 minutes, the Australians had to survive a torrid match in front of a packed Aryamehr Stadium.

Needing to win by four clear goals to push Australia out of Cup contention, Iran became desperate as time ran out, but the Australian defence, overworked throughout the game, managed to hold on.

Australia had an early chance when Richards was fouled, but the free-kick by Baartz was well saved by Iranian goalkeeper Rashidi.

A long throw-in by Iranian skipper Gelichkhani had the Australian defence in a bit of bother but the ball was finally cleared by Warren.

Then in the 15th minute the huge 100,000 crowd rose as referee Pavel Karbarkov penalised Wilson for an illegal tackle.

Gelichkhani placed the ball on the spot and made no mistake with his kick to put a jubilant Iran one goal up.

Showing a complete reversal of their Sydney form in front of the partisan crowd, Iran were piling on the pressure to have the Australian defence rattled.

Iran stifled an Australian attack and took play rapidly to the Australian goalmouth.

In the thirty-first minute the crowd erupted as Gelichkhani, Iran's most dangerous player in Sydney last weekend, found a gap to slam home his second goal.

The week-old nerve war was having an obvious effect on the Australians in the 90-degree-plus heat, and the safe-looking three-goal lead had suddenly been fritted away.

The Australians were down but by no means out, and they came close to opening their account five minutes later.

But the rocketing header from Johnny Warren sailed just wide of the Iranian goalmouth.

Iran continued the pressure until the whistle to go into the break with a handy two-goal lead - only a goal away from forcing the play-off in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

Australian coach Rale Rasic decided on only one change at the break, bringing on tough Max Tolson to replace Adrian Alston up front.

A quick one-two with Warren brought Baartz to within range of the Iranian goal, but his shot went over the bar.

Australian goalkeeper Fraser was under intense pressure, and was called on to make three desperate saves within a minute as Iran looked for the third goal.

The Australians were allowing Iran plenty of room in which to move, continually hanging back and waiting for the home side to carry play to them.

Warren had a chance when he found a gap to race through the Iranian defence, but his cross into the goalmouth sailed harmlessly past the goal.

But the initiative still belonged solely to Iran who looked dangerous each time they gained possession.

Australian midfielder Jimmy Mackay split the defence and sent a perfect pass curling to Abonyi.

Abonyi raced away down the left wing and his cross into the goalmouth had Iranian keeper Rashidi stretching to concede a corner.

Australia had another chance when baartz slammed a shot from 15 yards, but Rashidi had the ball well covered.

With 16 minutes to go Rasic took Warren off and brought on midfield dynamo Jimmy Rooney in an attempt to swing his side on to the offensive.

Iran made five changes to the team which played in the first match.

Australia were unchanged.

match report from teammelli

What a different story it was in Tehran six days after the Sydney match. It was Friday 24 August 1973. Arayamehr Stadium was jam-packed with an estimated 120,000 chanting and waving Iranian fans, some of whom have been waiting to enter the Stadium from the early hours of that morning.

Iran was determined to reverse the first-leg result and so gain at least a replay on neutral ground in Bangkok, Thailand.

On paper, it was a difficult task, as the Iranians were well and truly beaten in Sydney. They tried to ignore the three goal deficit - not an insignificant disadvantage in international football - and went all out for the win they needed.

This particular game was perhaps the most important in Iran's history. Nothing would equal qualifying for the World Cup. Hence it was not surprising that the stadium was full hours before the kick-off.

A local journalist was quoted as saying if the stadium had the Maracana's capacity, it would have easily have been filled by 200,000 fans.

Iran's defeat in Sydney necessitated a few changes in its line-up. Legendary goalkeeper Nasser Hejazi was benched for the game after being blamed for some soft goals conceded in Sydney. There were five changes in total, yet surprisingly, the defence which had conceded three goals, was left almost intact with just one change. The attack was also unchanged, although in Sydney it did not perform anywhere near expectations.

Australia started with the same team that had played in Sydney. There were only Iran's partisan fans at the Aryamehr Stadium to cheer on their side, and it was hot - very hot.

"I could hardly breathe," Col Curran commented afterwards. Nothing could have prepared the Socceroos for the atmosphere in the stadium. The noise from the crowd was simply incredible. The sound was distinctly shrill, a sound none of the players had ever heard before, and it had an effect on the Aussies.

Communication between the players was impossible on the pitch because of the volume.

From the first minute of the game, Iran put the Australian goal under seige. Some Iranian players said before the game that it would be very difficult to score three or more goals against the Socceroos, but that there it might be possible, especially in front of the home crowd.

Penalty against the Socceroos

Iran just failed to do what they intended despite help from the Russian Referee Havel Kobakov. In the 15th minute Kobakov gave Iran a penalty for a non-existent hand-ball by Curran, who jumped for a header contested with Ghelchikani, and according to the referee, handled in the action.

The Australians protested, but the man with the whistle stood firm. The spot-kick was taken, and Ghelchikani converted. Jimmy Fraser had no chance and was scarcely able to react to the hard shot taken by the Iranian captain.

The Iranians had hoped for an early lead so that there would be enough time to make up the deficit from the Sydney match, and the penalty was the answer to their prayers. The goal lifted the hearts of the players and increased the intensity of the excited crowd. The Iranians played better and better, while the Australians hung on desperately, but without panic. But the winner of the Asian Sub-Group B rocked the Socceroos just ten minutes later.

Ghelchikani scored Iran's second goal after 25 minutes. The Socceroos lost the ball in midfield, at the halfway line. Atti Abonyi tried to win the ball back with a tackle, but he was too late, and a long, high pass flew through to the Australian goalmouth, kicked back by an Iranian forward to the fast-arriving captain of the Persian team. With a fierce 30 metre long-range shot that left the Australian goalkeeper grasping air and the 120,000 fans in Arayamehr stadium ecstatic, Ghelchikani scored. His shot was hard, his opponent came too late, and the defence was helpless.

Australia was two goals down after just 25 minutes. That was the situation no one wanted. Keeping the Iranians scoreless in the first half was Rasic's aim.

Iran - Australia 2 - 0

Now Iran needed one more goal to force Australia into a third tie-breaking match, or two goals to win outright. Australia was not playing very well. The players were suffering from the heat and the hostile crowd.

There were few people who didn't think Iran deserved to win this game the way Australia were playing. The Socceroos had managed only one real shot at goal in the first half and the Iranians were far superior.

However, coach Rasic made two shrewd substitutions that saved the Socceroos. First, big Max Tolson came on at half time for Adrian Alston who had rarely seen the ball in attack. Tolson played very deep and used all his strength and aggression to knock the stuffing out of the Iranians.

Rasic rode his luck with that substitution and Tolson played one of his best games ever for the green and gold. Captain Peter Wilson had been given a yellow card and so he had to be careful from then on not to pick up a second, because of his tough play and firm tackles.

Ray Richards had already been struck with a coin as he prepared to toss one of his famous long throw-ins. The Socceroos were outplayed, and had only one distinct chance in the whole game. This was when Ray Baartz had a ball with the word goal written all over it early in the second half, but shot wide from three metres.

Rasic made the second change in the 71st minute, bringing on Jimmy Rooney for Johnny Warren. Rooney, fresh and fit, was constantly on the ball, and used his ability to hang onto it and thus deny Iran possession. By this tactic, Australia attempted to prevent Iran from scoring again.

The Socceroos withstood more and more pressure. Goalkeeper Fraser was again one of the heroes for the team from Down Under. He made some tremendous saves to keep the Socceroos in the match.

But the whole team battled to ensure that it didn't concede a third goal. Australia showed great team spirit, and had a lot of luck. After Iran took the early lead, no one at the ground would have bet a cent that the Socceroos would have won.

Time dragged very slowly for the Socceroos, but when the final whistle blew Australia had won the match 3-2 on aggregate. When the game was over, the Socceroos were pelted with scores of small objects from the crowd. Against all odds, Fraser had kept a clean sheet in the second half and Australia had scraped through to the next stage of the World Cup thanks to the barest one goal aggregate margin.

After the game, Iranian captain Ghelchikani, who scored both goals, wept. An Australian came up to him to exchange jerseys. He reluctantly accepted. History took a picture of him hanging a yellow jersey on his shoulders and not wanting to accept the reality.

Iran had been eliminated from playing in the 1974 World Cup in the then West Germany.

That day Iranian football matured. Coach Bayati said so, the Iran Football Federation President said so, and the media wrote: "We lost because we did not know we were going to face a professional team. We did not know how to play against them."

In contrast the Australians were overjoyed. They had a long celebration deep into the night. But they were outraged about the Russian referee. Forward Abonyi was angry about the penalty decision, and he said a few harsh words to the Ref. "I was out of order, later I was happy I had not been sent off. That Russian was a shocker. I am sure that he was paid by the Iranian Football Federation. I saw the gold watch he got before the game and we heard a story about beautiful girls coming out of his hotel room. But we played badly, Ghelchkhani was magnificent in midfield, and the rest of the Iran team followed his example. I tried to say some words in Russian to the referee, but now I am happy that he did not understand." "The penalty was diabolical," Richards said. "But that didn't alter the fact that Ghelchkhani scored and that the goal gave Iran the inspiration to play some brilliant soccer."

"It was touch and go that first half, they were coming at us in waves", said Johnny Watkiss. "But we reached the next stage, that was the only aim."

It was the second time the Socceroos had survived despite being on the brink of annihilation. This time Tolson deserved most of the praise, as did Rasic for perceiving the contribution Tolson could make.

"Despite being two goals down, the Australian players pulled themselves off the floor, regained composure, and ended the game on top of Iran.

This is the sign that a team had reached maturity", Rasic said. "The team has been under tremendous pressure in Teheran, with constant niggling incidents reminding them the stakes were high. The crowd gave great encouragement to Iran and showed obvious hatred for Australia. This, along with the altitude problem, the furnace-like heat, and the fine performance of the Iran team, makes the win in the series incredible." Abonyi, Wilson, and a few other players wanted to go from Teheran to Baghdad, Iraq, for a short visit. The price for the flight was very cheap - around US\$ 30. But the players were unable to obtain visas in such a short time, so the whole team returned home, looking forward to the final qualification match.

The next and last opponent would be Australia's soccer rival South Korea. When Korea knocked out Israel in the final of Sub-Group A, it had appeared that little was left to prevent Australia from getting to West Germany.

Israel, after all, had loomed from the start as the biggest threat to the Socceroos. South Korea, on the other hand, had failed to beat Australia in five matches between the two countries since 1967. The Socceroos were ready to take the final hurdle.....

IRAN: Mansour Rashidi, Ebrahim Ashtiani, Akbar Kargarjam, Jaffar Kashani, Ghassim Tabibi, Parviz Ghleechkhani, Ali Parvin, Mohammad Sadeghi, Karo Haghverdian (Javad Ghurab 75 min.), Mohammadreza Adelkhani (Asghar Sharafi 62 min), Gholamhossein Mazloomi.

AUSTRALIA: Jim Fraser (GK), Doug Utjesenovic, Col Curran, John Watkiss, Peter Wilson, Attila Abonyi, Johnny Warren (Jimmy Rooney 70 min.), Jimmy McKay, Ray Baartz, Ray Richards, Adrian Alston (Max Tolson 46 min.).

Scorers: Parviz Ghleechkhani (14pk, 32)

Referee: Pavel Kazakov (USSR)

Crowd: 120,000

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. September 1973,			Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland									3063	
Queensland..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, Queensland..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Max Walker				70		GK	James "Jim" Fraser				46*
		Anderson						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				70
		Nielson				64		DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
		Wilkins						DF	Manfred Schaefer				
		Sunderland						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
		Iain Fagan						MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
		Dockerty				53		MF	John Warren				
		Steve Dolan						MF	James "Jim" Mackay				46
		Steele						FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	9			
		Rehbuck						FW	William "Bill" Vojtek				60
		Jim McCabe						FW	Adrian Alston			88	
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Jones				70		GK	Martin Coe				46*
		Matters				64			William "Ernie" Campbell				60
		Dixon				53			Harry Williams				70
									James "Jim" Rooney				46
Team Coach							Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Des Miles											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time 7th. October 1973,			Venue Wentworth Park, Glebe, New South Wales				Weather			Temperature		Attendance 1403	
New South Wales U-23 'B'..1 v. Australia 'B'..1													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		Paul Degnev	X						Bill Rogers				
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
7th. October 1973,			Wentworth Park, Glebe, New South Wales									1403	
New South Wales U-23 'A'..2 v. Australia 'A'..7													
half time, New South Wales U-23 'A'..0 v. Australia 'A'..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Alan Maher				X							
		Steve Perry							Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				X
									Colin "Col" Curran	X			
									John Watkiss				
									John Warren	X			
									Raymond "Ray" Richards	X, X			
									James "Jim" Mackay	X			
	FW	Joseph "Joe" Watson	X(pk)						Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	60			
		Greg Byles	X						Adrian Alston	X			
		Murray Barnes							William "Bill" Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Meier				X							
Team Coach		Rex Foster					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Australia's World Cup Soccer team swamped NSW under-23 in a pre-camp warm-up match at Wentworth Park yesterday.

Turning open the floodgates to notch five second-half goals, the Australian A team swept to a 7-2 win over their less experienced opponents.

Showing more flair in an earlier match, the NSW under-23 B side was able to hold Australia B to a 1-1 draw.

The 22-man national squad, named by the coach Rale Rasic after the double-header, goes into camp this morning with at least two sound performances behind it.

But Rasic, ever seeking perfection, promised a long, hard training grind over the next three weeks.

"We have a lot of hard work to do before we are ready to tackle South Korea," Rasic said.

Full-back Doug Utjesenovic showed out strongly with several probing runs until forced out with an ankle injury, and his accurate passes invariably found their target.

Tiny NSW forward Joe Watson kept the Australian defence on its toes during the first half, but gradually dropped out of sight.

Goals by Jimmy Mackay and full-back Col Curran put Australia two up at the break, but despite goals by Greg Byles and Watson (from a penalty), NSW were never really in the second half.

Atti Abonyi, dangerous throughout the match, scored with a perfectly placed free-kick over the defensive wall in the 60th minute after Billy Vojtek had been brought down by Steve Perry.

Coming in from the midfield continually when Australia was on the attack, Johnny Warren had earlier been on hand to stab in a header from Adrian Alston.

The lofted ball originated from Utjesenovic who later laid on the cross for Alston's goal.

Ray Richards netted twice within four minutes, his first an opportunist goal seconds after NSW had replaced their Australian squad goalkeeper Alan Maher with Gary Meier.

AUSTRALIAN WORLD CUP A TEAM 7 (R.Richards 2, J.Mackay, C.Curran, J.Warren, A.Abonyi, A.Alston) beat NSW UNDER-23 (A) 2 (G.Byles, J.Watson).

Crowd: 1,403

AUSTRALIAN WORLD CUP (B) 1 (W.Rogers) drew with NSW UNDER-23 (B) 1 (P.Degney).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance			
12th. October 1973, 15.00			Englefield Stadium, Dural, New South Wales												
New South Wales U-23..1 v. Australia ..5															
half time, New South Wales U-23..1 v. Australia..1															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
								DF	John Watkiss	X					
								DF	Colin "Col" Curran	X					
								MF	John Warren	X					
		Murray Barnes	X					FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	X					
								FW	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	X					
SUBSTITUTES															
Team Coach							Team Coach							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic	
Team Manager							Team Trainer								
Referee							Team Manager								
Linesman															
Linesman															

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 13/10/1973, page 74

The Australian Soccer team bolstered their World Cup hopes with an impressive 5-1 win against NSW under-23 at the Englefield Stadium, Dural yesterday.

Despite quagmire conditions, Australia slammed home four second-half goals.

It was the second time in six days the two sides had met. Australia had won the first clash 7-2.

With a week of intensive training behind them, the Australian squad outshone their opponents in fitness and sharpness.

National coach Rale Rasic, usually reluctant to acknowledge a sound display by his players while in camp, was full of praise for their performance yesterday.

"They really worked the ball well," Rasic said.

"By the time we play South Korea on October 28 they should be doubly dangerous."

AUSTRALIA 5 (R.Baartz, J.Watkiss, J.Warren, A.Abonyi, C.Curran) bt NSW UNDER-23 1 (M.Barnes).

Date & Time		Venue				Weather		Temperature		Attendance			
14th. October 1973,		Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales								1127			
Northern New South Wales 'B'..1 v. Australia 'B'..2													
half time, Northern New South Wales 'B'..0 v. Australia 'B'..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				46
								DF	George Harris				
		Gary Semetka	75										
									Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				46*
SUBSTITUTES													
								GK	Alan Maher				46
									William "Ernie" Campbell	69, 79			46*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. October 1973,			Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales									1127	
Northern New South Wales 'A'..1 v. Australia 'A'..3													
half time, New South Wales 'A'..0 v. Australia 'A'..3													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK					
	DF	Warren Halvorsen						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
								DF	Colin "Col" Curran				46*
								DF	Peter Wilson				
								DF	John Watkiss				
								MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
								MF	John Warren				46
	FW	Graham Bull	52					MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards	26, 31			
	FW	Bogden Duma						FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	28			
									Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
SUBSTITUTES													
									William "Ernie" Campbell				46
									Harry Williams				46*
Team Coach						Team Coach							
						Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic							
Team Manager						Team Trainer							
Referee						Team Manager							
Linesman													
Linesman													

match reports from The Sydney Morning Herald, 15/10/1973, page 19

Sound displays by Australian Soccer stars Doug Utjesenovic and Atti Abonyi highlighted a disappointing World Cup warm-up against Northern NSW at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, today.

Faced with the stiffest opposition of their current build-up series the Australian A Team held out for a 3-1 victory.

In an earlier match Australia's B combination beat Northern NSW B 2-1.

But while there were flashes of brilliance in both games it was obvious coach Rale Rasic has a lot of work ahead to have his team ready for the first match against South Korea on October 28.

"They combined well in the first half but fell away rather badly later in the game," Rasic admitted afterwards.

Most disappointing feature was the poor form of Australia's most capped player Ray Baartz.

The normally aggressive striker was way out of touch, blasting every scoring opportunity over the bar and appearing generally subdued.

But another superb showing by winger Ernie Campbell must leave him pressing for recognition.

Campbell scored both of the B teams' goals during his second half appearance and later made his preence felt as a midfield replacement for Johnny Warren in the A side.

Midfielder Jimmy Mackay also showed superb form to continually swing Australia into the attack with his nippy footwork and astute passing.

It was full-back Utjesenovic and striker Abonyi who spelled the most danger with their uncanny combination.

Utjesenovic repeatedly had the Northern NSW defence in trouble as he sped down the right wing to cross the ball with pinpoint accuracy.

Abonyi's ability to beat a man and his running on to the ball saw him figure prominently in the first goal and score the second.

Midfield ace Ray Richards netted twice, the first a shot deflected off Northern NSW defender Warren Halvorsen after a cross from Abonyi and the second a rocketing shot following a one-two with Baartz.

Full-back Col Curran replaced at half-time by Harry Williams, also played soundly using his speed to penetrate the Northern NSW defence in strong overlapping bursts.

As a yardstick for choice of a second goalkeeper to Jim Fraser today's matches proved little.

Victorian goalkeeper Jimmy Milisavljevic was hardly tested in his half a game with the B side while Alan Maher coped well in the second half.

Forwards Graham Bull and Bogden Duma stood out for Northern NSW and were able all too often to outsmart Australian stoppers Peter Wilson and John Watkiss.

It was a move between the pair to beat Wilson which saw Bull score after Australia had led 3-0 at the break.

Australia seemed unable to move the ball about in the second half and surrendered most of the initiative to the eager Northern NSW players.

In the earlier game in which Campbell scored twice after replacing Branko Buljevic, full-back George Harris also gave an impressive display to press his claim for a trip to Seoul for their return World Cup match on November 10.

Apart from his team's listless performance Rasic has an added worry in lanky striker Max Tolson.

Tolson felt some twinges in his right knee while warming up prior to the game and decided not to play.

AUSTRALIA A 3 (R.Richards 2, A.Abonyi) beat NORTHERN NSW A 1 (G.Bull).

AUSTRALIA B 2 (E.Campbell 2) beat NORTHERN NSW B 1 (G.Semetka).

Crowd: 1,127.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. October 1973,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria										
Victoria..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Victoria..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John "Jack" Reilly						GK	James "Jim" Fraser				X
		David Baker							Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
		Norm Maitland							Peter Wilson (c)				
		Steve Walker							John Watkiss				X*
		Andrew Kazi							Colin "Col" Curran				
		John Gardiner							Raymond "Ray" Richards				
		Slobodan Lukic				X			James "Jim" Mackay				
		Peter Bourne							John Warren	75			
		Jim Armstrong				X*		FW	William "Ernie" Campbell	68			
		Joe Cunningham	4					FW	Adrian Alston				46
		Michael "Mike" Micevski						FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Steve Gadsby				X			William "Bill" Vojtek				46
		Seron Fisker				X*, X**		GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				X
		Auchie Waaldyk				X**			Manfred Schaefer				X*
Team Coach		Tony Boggi					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 18/10/1973, page 31

Australia's discontented world cup soccer team beat Victoria 2-1 in a useful p??? match at Olympic last night.

The match was part of the preparation for Australia's final World Cup qualifying matches against South Korea.

Discontent was caused by the Australian Soccer Federation's decision to offer bonus money to only 18 of the 22 Australian players if they reach the World Cup finals.

Discussions will be held in Sydney today in an attempt to solve the problem.

The Socceroos were not impressive last night although they clearly outclassed the Victorians.

Victoria scored first when Mike Micevski, one of Victoria's best players, sent a long high cross to Joe Cunningham who beat Wilson and slammed the ball into the net.

But in the 67th minute the ever-dangerous ????? bounced a shot ????? and Campbell no?? the ball home easily.

In the 75th minute Abonyi sent a good ?????? John Warren who ????? a solo run and s????? winning goal from ?????

Teams:

AUSTRALIA: Fraser (Milisavljevic), Utjesenovic, Wilson, Watkiss (Schaefer), Curran, Richards, Mackay, Warren, Campbell, Alston (Vojtek), Abonyi.

VICTORIA: Reilly, Baker, Maitland, Walker, Kazi, Gardiner, Lukic (Gadsby), Bourne, Armstrong (Fisker, sub Waaldyk), Cunningham (McArdie), Micevski.

Goals: Vic; Cunningham ???. Australia; Campbell 67th and 75th.

Best players: Vic; ???????, Walker. Australia; ?????, Campbell, Mackay.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
21st. October 1973,			Englefield Stadium, Dural, New South Wales									500	
New South Wales U-23..0 v. Australia..3													
half time, New South Wales U-23..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	James "Jim" Fraser				
									Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
									Peter Wilson (c)				
									John Watkiss				
									Colin "Col" Curran				
									Raymond "Ray" Richards				
									James "Jim" Mackay	15			
									John Warren				72
								FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	36			
									Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
								FW	Adrian Alston				59
SUBSTITUTES													
									Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	62			
									Maxwell "Max" Tolson				
									William "Ernie" Campbell				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 22/10/1973, page 13

A three-quarter pace Australian Soccer team for the third time proved too strong for NSW under-23 in a World Cup warm-up match at the Englefield Stadium, Dural, yesterday. Australia won 3-0. Combining better than in any of their earlier clashes, NSW offered a strong counter to the Australian attack.

But despite holding plenty in reserve, Australia showed touches of the skill and understanding born of their many matches together.

AUSTRALIA 3 (J.Mackay, A.Abonyi, B.Buljevic) bt NSW UNDER-23 0.

Crowd: 500

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Final Round - 1st. Leg																	
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance						
28th. October 1973, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								32005						
Australia..0 v. Korea Republic (South Korea)..0																	
half time, Australia..0 v. Korea Republic..0																	
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution				
START LIST																	
1	GK	James "Jim" Fraser					21	GK	Byun Ho-young								
2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					3	DF	Kim Ho-kon								
3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					6	DF	Yoo Kee-heung								
4	DF	John Watkiss					16	DF	Kang Kee-wook								
5	DF	Colin "Col" Curran					2	DF	Park Yung-tae (c)		48						
6	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards					9	FW	Cha Bum-keun								
7	MF	James "Jim" Mackay					7	MF	Ko Jae-wook								
8	MF	John Warren				75	8	MF	Park Byung-chul								
9	FW	Raymond "Ray" Baartz					15	MF	Park Ee-chun				65				
11	FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi					20	FW	Kim Jae-han								
10	FW	Adrian Alston				60	12	FW	Chung Kyu-poong								
SUBSTITUTES																	
16		William "Ernie" Campbell				75			Kang Tae-hyun				65				
18		Maxwell "Max" Tolson				60											
Team Coach							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic							Team Coach		Moon Chung-Shik	
														Team Trainer			
Team Manager														Team Manager		Min Byoung Dae	
Referee							Vital Loraux (Belgium)										
Linesman							Leslie Coffman (New Zealand)										
Linesman							Manit Sridaranop (Thailand)										

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 29/10/1973, page 13

The Australian Soccer dream of an appearance in the World Cup finals in West Germany next year was turned into a nightmare by the tigerish South Koreans at the Sports Ground yesterday.

South Korea held a woeful Australian team to a scoreless draw, delighted to go into the return leg of the series in Seoul on November 10 with a moral victory.

The result considerably reduced Australia's hopes but the team is not yet beaten.

If it is any consolation to the record Sports Ground crowd of 32,005, which turned out to encourage an Australian victory only to have the cheers die in their throats, is the fact that the Australians have never lost in five appearances before South Korea's home crowd.

And, it is unlikely that the players could ever produce such poor form again.

Any cohesion and understanding which a team of their experience and preparation should be expected to have was missing yesterday.

In its place we saw confusion, hesitation and a lack of many of the fundamentals of the game.

While the Australians dithered, the tenacious Koreans grabbed hold of the initiative and, but for the magnificence of goalkeeper Jim Fraser, should have run out winners.

Four times Fraser - a doubtful starter with a back injury until late on Friday - was pressured, and each time rose to the occasion.

Once he tipped the ball over the bar, and twice blocked seemingly certain goals and also forced mid-fielder Park Ee Chun to shoot wide.

Australian coach Rale Rasic was a despondent figure in a cheerless dressing-room after watching his team scramble to hang on for a draw.

"The Koreans played extremely well," he conceded.

"I just cannot understand how our boys played so badly."

But Rasic is still confident Australia can beat South Korea on Saturday week and go on to the Cup finals in West Germany.

To claim Australia played badly against the South Koreans at the Sports Ground yesterday is in no way detracting from the performance of the visiting team.

Quite happy to return home with a draw, the Koreans kept up a pattern of play built around defence until 15 minutes from the end when, aware of Australia's helplessness, they swung into an attacking formation.

They had earlier been content to rely on their speed for a quick breakaway to put them in a scoring position, and on numerous occasions caught a two-man Australian defence in a rush of three or four attackers.

With the exception of Ray Richards, Australia's midfield, the engine-room of the side, was non-operational.

But the Australians were unable to create any gaps in the disciplined Korean defence.

Overlapping full-back Col Curran found himself up in the attack repeatedly, but with the forwards unable to run off the ball, these fizzled to nothing.

With Australian passes invariably going astray, the Koreans' task was made far easier.

Rasic brought on Max Tolson and Ernie Campbell in the second half to replace Adrian Alston and John Warren, but even this attempt to infuse some life into the attack proved fruitless.

Korean forward Cha Bum Keun was by far the best player on the field, and his speed and ball control, especially when he combined with midfielder Park Ee Chun, had Australia in a lot of trouble.

Rasic today must name the four players who will remain behind when the team travels to Seoul next Monday.

AUSTRALIA 0 drew with SOUTH KOREA 0

Crowd: 32,005.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
4th. November 1973,			Englefield Stadium, Dural, New South Wales											
New South Wales U-23..1 v. Australia..2														
half time, New South Wales U-23..0 v. Australia..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
		Terry Butler												
		Brian Turner	X					FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	X(pk)				
								FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	75				
SUBSTITUTES														
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					
Team Manager							Team Trainer							
Referee							Team Manager							
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 5/11/1973, page 14

The Australian Soccer team is due to leave for Seoul today with the task ahead of them to beat South Korea and win their way into the World Cup final 16 in West Germany next year.

The job has been made even more difficult by the disappointing scoreless draw in Sydney a week ago.

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But, despite another mediocre outing against NSW Under 20 which they won 2-1 at the Englefield Stadium, Darul, yesterday, it is a challenge the Australians should relish. They came within a goal of forcing themselves into a coveted Cup spot four years ago against Israel and, with so much at stake, are certain not to repeat last week's display.

The Australian team certainly inspired no confidence with their play against their NSW "trial horses" yesterday.

The lively NSW players fought for the ball with far more purpose and were able to create a dangerous number of gaps in the Australian defence.

Australia led with a penalty by Atti Abonyi but NSW levelled with a superb run by Terry Butler which split the defence to lay on the easiest of goals for Brian Turner.

Branko Buljevic snapped the face-saving goal for the Australians 15 minutes from the final whistle.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Final Round - 2nd. Leg													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
10th. November 1973,			Municipal Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic			Rain			3C		27000		
Korea Republic (South Korea)..2 v. Australia..2													
half time, Korea Republic..2 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
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	DF	Kim Ho-kon						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenić				
	DF	Yoo Kee-heung						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
	DF	Kang Kee-wook						DF	Manfred Schaefer				
	DF	Park Yung-tae						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
	FW	Cha Bum-keun						MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards				76
	MF	Ko Jae-wook	30					MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
	MF	Park Byung-chul						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
	MF	Park Ee-chun						FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
	FW	Kim Jae-han	15					FW	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	47			
	FW	Chung Kyu-poong						FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	31			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Adrian Alston				76
Team Coach		Min Byoung Dae					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Arie van Gemert (Netherlands)											
Linesman		Tom de la Hunty (New Zealand)											
Linesman		Lee Kan Chee (Hong Kong)											

match report from the Sun-Herald, 11/11/1973, page 51 and 65.

Australia and South Korea will play-off for a place in the World Cup Soccer finals in Munich next year.

The teams drew two-all after the Koreans held a two-nil lead at the Seoul Stadium today.

The play-off will be held in Hong Kong next Tuesday. The first leg of this Asian final was also drawn - nil-all.

Australian coach Rale Rasic said that he was pleased with the way his team had fought back but was bitterly disappointed at not winning.

"We had three or four good scoring chances but did not take them," he said. "Still, I am confident we can win the play-off and get through to West Germany."

It has certainly been a long hard road for both teams for today's game was the 10th World Cup match played by each team.

Australia today were by far a better side than the one which struggled to a 0-0 draw in Sydney a fortnight ago.

Australian vice-captain Ray Baartz said that Australia should have won. "It was heart breaking to see some of our shots sail just wide of the goal," he said.

"The Koreans played like tigers in the first half but they were a spent force for the last half hour. But I think we will kill them in Hong Kong."

South Korea as expected threw everything at the Australians in the first few minutes.

They deservedly went ahead after 15 minutes. Australian full-back Doug Utjesenovic tried to back pass to goalkeeper Jim Fraser but the ball ricocheted off Fraser's body to the waiting feet of Kim Jae Han.

The 6ft 4in Kim latched on to the ball and coolly drove it into the back of the unguarded net from 10 metres. (1-0)

The blistering pace continued and the players quickly forgot about the early morning snowflakes and three-degree Celsius temperature.

The Korean barrage continued and a second goal had to come. In the 28th minute Australian midfielder Jimmy Mackay fouled Koh Jae Wook on the edge of the Australian penalty area.

Korean mid-field star Park Byoung Chul slung over a menacing centre which Utjesenovic only partially cleared.

Koh Jae Wook picked up the loose ball and his thundering shot from 15 metres hit Fraser on the way into the back of the net. (2-0)

Australia, stung by the thought of missing out on Germany, hit back immediately.

Nuggety left-back Col Curran, coming up on the overlap, lashed across a great centre to the head of Buljevic, who nodded the ball past the helpless Byoun Ho Young in the Korean goal. (2-1)

Australia, knowing that their chances hung on snatching a goal immediately after the interval, quickly swarmed all over the Koreans.

It took one of the incredibly long Ray Richards' throw-ins to set up the equaliser in the 48th minute.

Richards' throw as usual landed square in the middle of the Korean penalty area and sent the home team into utter panic.

Baartz latched on to the ball in the melee and hammered it home from 12 metres. (2-2)

The performances of both Baartz and Buljevic proved again the genius of coach Rasic.

Baartz turned in a dismal performance in the Sydney game and had been expected to be dropped.

Rasic, however, stuck by Australia's most capped player and Baartz did not let his coach down.

He played with new found fire and all his old speed and skill returned as he baulked and weaved his way through the Korean defence.

Buljevic, the Victorian left winger, had been on the outer in recent World Cup matches and was brought back by Rasic in a bid to bring more fire power to the Australian attack.

Buljevic did just that and saw several smart scoring chances go just wide.

Australian captain, Peter Wilson, was the most disappointed man of the two teams as he trooped from the field.

He could not have done more in his bid to get Australia through to West Germany.

The blond defender tackled his heart out and stood up magnificently to the dangerous Korean striker Kim Jae Han.

Time after time Kim picked the ball up on the half-way line and burst down the left flank.

Wilson, however, was always there to save the day as he firmly tackled the Korean.

Cha Bum Keun again proved South Korea's most menacing striker. He was everywhere picking up loose balls, and a goal was always on the cards as he bore his way through the Australian mid-field. Australia did suffer a blow mid-way through the second half when dynamic mid-fielder Ray Richards limped from the field. He was replaced by striker Adrian Alston as Rasic slung more force into the front line in a bid to grab the winning goal. It was South Korea, only a shadow of their first-half form, who almost grabbed the winner in the final seconds of play. From a free-kick, only inches outside the Australian penalty area, Park Ee Chun crashed a blistering drive only a foot past the right upright. Rasic may feel that his team played well enough for it to remain unchanged for the Hong Kong play-off. Should the play-off in Hong Kong also end in a draw, the Asian finalist will be decided by a series of penalty kicks. SOUTH KOREA 2 (Kim Jae-Han, Koh Jae Wook) drew with AUSTRALIA 2 (Brank Buljevic, Ray Baartz). Crowd: 27,000. AUSTRALIA: J.Fraser, D.Utjesenovic, P.Wilson (capt), M.Schaefer, C.Curran, R.Richards, J.Mackay, J.Rooney, A.Abonyi, R.Baartz, B.Buljevic. SOUTH KOREA: Byoung Ho Young, Kim Ho Kon, Park Young Tae, Yoo Kee Heung, Kang Kee Wook, Koh Jae Wook, Park Ee Chun, Chung Kuy Poong, Cha Bum Keun, Kim Jae Han, Park Byoung Chul.

World Cup Qualifying (AFC / OFC) - Final Round - Play-off													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
13th. November 1973, 20.00			Government Stadium, Hong Kong								26000		
Korea Republic (South Korea)..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, Korea Republic..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lee Sae-yun						GK	James "Jim" Fraser				
	DF	Kim Ho-kon						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	DF	Yoo Kee-heung						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
	DF	Kang Kee-wook				80		DF	Manfred Schaefer				
	DF	Park Yung-tae						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
	FW	Cha Bum-keun						MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	MF	Ko Jae-wook						MF	James "Jim" Mackay	70			
	MF	Park Byung-chul						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
	FW	Kim Jin-kook				59		FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				56
	FW	Kim Jae-han						FW	Raymond "Ray" Baartz				
		Kang Tae-hyun						FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				
SUBSTITUTES													
	MF	Park Ee-chun				80			Adrian Alston				56
	FW	Chung Kyu-poong				59							
Team Coach							Min Byoung Dae						
							Team Coach						
							Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee							Arie van Gemert (Netherlands)						
Linesman							Tom de la Hunt (New Zealand)						
Linesman							Lee Kan Chee (Hong Kong)						

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/11/1973, page 21

Australia are bound for Munich and the World Cup Soccer finals next year, following a brilliant goal by Jimmy Mackay against South Korea in the Asian zone final tonight.

The triumphant goal for Australia came after four hours and 10 minutes of play between the teams and in the 70th minute of the third game.

The Australians chaired coach Rale Rasic and captain Peter Wilson from the Hong Kong Government stadium field after their 1-nil victory.

Australia's goal came following a free kick from left centre field by Ray Richards, who swung the ball into the middle towards the penalty area for it to be headed back down the field.

Mackay raced through and sent his drive scorching to the left-hand corner of the goal, a superb shot and one worthy of providing a win after such an arduous campaign.

The game played in Happy Valley in Hong Kong, and there were some delighted Australians there this evening.

The success meant that an outlay of an estimated half a million dollars on the Australian team had been worthwhile in the attempt to reach the final 16 teams of the World Cup for the first time.

After the nil-all draw in Sydney and then the 2-all draw in Seoul last Saturday, no extra time was necessary and no penalty kicks.

Australia dominated the match, particularly in the first half an hour when they had four splendid opportunities to score.

Australia came back from an impossible position for in the Seoul match they had trailed nil-2 after half an hour and still managed to gain the draw.

South Korea came into this game aware they had never beaten Australia in their seven previous clashes.

Australia played 11 World Cup games this year and lost only one, a nil-2 defeat to Iran, but the Australians won through 3-2 on aggregates.

The South Koreans had caused a surprise just before the game when they announced three changes to their team which played in Seoul, including their goalkeeper and captain, Byoung Ho Young, and right winger Park Ee Chun, who were dropped.

Torrential rain before the game threatened the fixture but the quick drying Hong Kong Government Stadium enabled play to begin on time before an estimated crowd of 26,000.

Australia began aggressively and with imagination and confidence.

Four times in the first quarter of an hour crosses brought danger to the South Korean goal.

It was a non-stop attack for the Australians with mid-fielders Jimmy Mackay and Ray Richards establishing control and feeding their forwards Attila Abonyi, Baartz and Buljevic.

The South Koreans were hard-pressed in defence but on occasions their breakaways troubled Australia particularly down the right wing where fullback Colin Curran was acting as an overlapping forward.

Australia were deprived of a certain goal in the 25th minute due to the over-enthusiasm of big winger Buljevic.

Goalkeeper Lee badly misjudged a bouncing ball which brushed his fingertips and Baartz whipped around him near the right post and his placement was goalwards bound from just a few feet when Buljevic raced between Baartz and the goal, deflecting the ball over the by-line.

Following these disappointments the edge of brilliance left the Australian team and they did not threaten the South Korean goal for the remainder of the half.

Australia had wasted golden opportunities, vital chances which could have taken them to Munich.

The South Koreans would have to be over-generous to provide as many in the second half.

It was nil-all at halftime.

The teams were unchanged for the second half, but Australia's coach Rale Rasic, made an amazing change 11 minutes after the break when he replaced the elusive Abonyi with the rangy and rugged Adrian Alston.

Australia had a horrible moment in the first minute after the interval when a careless back pass to goalkeeper Jim Fraser almost allowed big South Korean striker Cha Bum Keun in for a goal.

Desperate defence by the Australians forced the ball over the bar.

Immediately Australia swung back into the attack with full-back Doug Utjesenovic sending over a curling free kick from the right wing.

Australia's captain, Peter Wilson, came charging through, but goalkeeper Lee punched the ball away.

Successive corners followed for Australia, but goalkeeper Lee comfortably handled the situations.

In the 59th minute, South Korea replaced midfielder Kim Jin Kook with Chung Kyu Poong.

In the 64th minute South Korea's big striker, Kim Jae Han, fell to the ground in the penalty area and his tough Australian rival, Manfred Schaefer, hauled him to his feet with the help of a team-mate and the South Korean promptly dropped to the pitch again.
Play had become ragged and Australia were not nearly as impressive as in the first half-hour.
It was the lull before the storm.
In the 70th minute Australia received an indirect free kick and midfielder Jimmy Mackay came hurtling through, following the touch, and crashed a tremendous right-foot drive to the top left-hand corner of the net. It must have been on of the finest goals that this splendid player has ever hit in his life, and certainly it was the most important.
Goalkeeper Lee did remarkably well to get as high and as far across to the ball as he did, but the shot was unstoppable.
It was the first time Australia had hit the front in the three-match series against South Korea.
The jubilant Australians swarmed around Mackay, lifting him bodily, slapping and embracing him.
Five minutes later big forward Buljevic came thrusting through South Korea's defence from Jimmy Rooney's prompting from mid-field, and just failed to stab the ball home with his left foot.
With just 10 minutes remaining, South Korea made yet another substitution, belatedly swinging their dynamic little right winger, Park Ee Chun, into the match.
it was extraordinary that he had been dropped from the team in the first place.
With eight minutes remaining, replacement forward Alston received a pass from the revitalised mid-fielder, Rooney, and his tremendous right-footed drive from 25 yards out nearly took splinters from the top of the bar.
AUSTRALIA 1 (J.Mackay) beat SOUTH KOREA nil.
Crowd: About 26,000.

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Ferencvárosi Torna Club, known as Ferencváros, is based in Ferencváros, Budapest, Hungary and have always played, since its inception, in the Nemzeti Bajnokság I. The club was formed on 3rd May 1899 by citizens of the 9th district of Budapest. For the season 1950-1951 the club was known as ÉDOSZ SE and between 1951 and 1956 their name was changed to Kinizsi, reverting to Ferencvárosi T.C. in 1956. They won the Hungarian League for the first of twenty-one times in 1903. The Magyar Kupa was first won by Ferencváros in 1912-13 and to date they have won the trophy eleven times.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
6th. February 1974,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia									12454	
Australia..1 v. Ferencváros (Hungary)..2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Ferencváros..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	James "Jim" Fraser				46		GK	István Géczí				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenić						RB	Gyoso Martos				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Ferenc Eipel	9(og)			19
	RH	Manfred Schaefer				46*		RH	Peter Vepi		48		
	CH	Colin "Col" Curran						CH	Istvan Juhasz				
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards						LH	László Balint				
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay						OR	István Szoke				
	IR	James "Jim" Rooney				67		IR	László Branikovits				
	CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						CF	János Máté	3, 83			
	IL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi						IL	Lajos Kú				
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic						OL	István Magyar				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				46			Tamas Viczko				19
		Adrian Alston				46*							
		John Warren				67							
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Jenő Dalnoki				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Manager						
Referee		Don Campbell											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 17, Number 5, 15/2/1974, page 4 by Mike Renwick

The Australian team's first 1974 showing in Adelaide last Wednesday was adequate considering it was the Socceroos' first outing since they beat South Korea on November 13, 1973, in Hong Kong. In patches, the team's performance exceeded normal expectations.

If one could find serious faults it was with the slow build-up of the attacks in the midfield and, once again, with the disjointed attack itself.

Even if one realises that Australia in the World Cup will not be an adventurous attacking side, it must be questioned whether a purely defensive team will be able to survive almost constant pressure without being crushed.

Any defence, no matter how good that it may be, needs some relief from time to time and that must be provided by the strikers able to hold the ball for short periods at least.

In Adelaide, the Australians weren't very good at this.

The 4-4-2 formation (Abonyi and Buljevic being the two strikers) can only work when the midfielders behind the spearheads form an occasional second wave.

It's in this department that Australia must improve urgently.

Australia was perhaps a trifle unlucky to lose the match, in the last seven minutes, after appearing to have the Hungarians' measure.

However, the visitors' better condition told at the finish when they attacked with more resolution against the visibly tiring Socceroos, short of both match practice and stamina at this early part of their season.

Australia can take some comfort from the fact that they played better than against Bulgaria at the corresponding stage last year.

The match was a more than useful exercise, if only to get some of the "cobwebs" and kinks out of the World Cup squad, which badly needed the run.

Peter Wilson, Col Curran, Jim Mackay and Ray Baartz, in that order, were our best players.

Jim Fraser held his ground well, in the face of some dangerous raids in the first half and Milisavljevic was a worthy second half replacement.

The Ferencvaros we saw in Adelaide is a useful, technically fairly accomplished but far from great team.

And that's bad news for Australia.

It's safe to rate the Hungarian national team at least four goals better than that Ferencvaros, without Pancsics and Albert.

Late last year, East Germany beat Hungary 1-0 in Budapest - and West Germany is rated at least three goals better than East Germany.

So how do we rate? Rather depressingly, one must assume, against both Germanys.

In Adelaide Ferencvaros fielded a basically young team with Martos, Viczko, Eipel and Magyar all teenagers.

To make things worse, one of their most creative players, "freeback" Balint had to play a passive role as a sweeper.

Thus it fell on the diligent, hard-working and talented Juhasz to prod his strikers into action and to create the chances, especially in the second half. While Juhasz is a truly good player, a regular international, he is not a Beckenbauer and hardly enough to turn Ferencvaros into a great side. Ku, this spindly-legged midfielder, did some clever things without being very effective; he seemed to lack stamina and dash to rule the midfield. Up front centre striker Mate (pronounced as Mahtay) grabbed two goals and missed another two or three; Branikovits distributed some fine balls but failed to spell any danger at goal. Wingers Szoke and Magyar showed speed and shooting power. Australia: Fraser (Milisavljevic), Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer (Alston), Curran, Richards, Mackay, Rooney (Warren 67 min), Abonyi, Baartz, Buljevic. Ferencvaros: Geczi, Martos, Viczko (replaced Eipel 19 min), Vepi, Juhasz, Balint, Szoke, Branikovits, Mate, Ku, Magyar. Scorers: Mate 3 and 83 mins. for Ferencvaros; Eipel 9 min. (own goal) for Australia. Referee: D.Campbell. Crowd: 13,000, at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

Adelaide highlights by Lou Gautier.

3 min.: The Adelaide hoodoo holds firm and Australia again concedes an early goal at Hindmarsh Stadium. A bad defensive error by Schaefer and Utjesenovic lets Magyar slip a pass to Mate, who taps the ball past a helpless Jim Fraser. Ferencvaros 1, Australia 0.
6 min.: From Szoke's pinpoint centre Schaefer would have scored an own goal but for Fraser's miraculous full-length dive, which limits the damage to a corner.
9 min.: A brilliantly swerved Utjesenovic freekick from 30 metres - a "Douggie" special - and Eipel heads past his own goalkeeper to level the score. Australia 1, Ferencvaros 1.
26 min.: A great save by Fraser off Ku from a Magyar corner.
29 min.: Schaefer gives away a freekick, quickly taken by Szoke. Fraser comes out to fist the ball away, but only as far as Ku, whose 12-metre shot is blocked by Curran.
36 min.: A clever "1-2" between Branikovits and Ku rips the Australian defence wide open, forcing Fraser to come out to smother the ball.
37 min.: Wilson's header, off an Abonyi corner, causes confusion in the Hungarian goalmouth. A desperate lunge by Vepi, in the nick of time, clears the danger for Ferencvaros.
38 min.: Curran's overlap beats two defenders until Martos comes to the rescue by kicking the ball over the line for a corner. Abonyi's corner-kick is cleared by Juhasz.
43 min.: Schaefer fouls Branikovits. Szoke's powerful 50-metre drive rebounds off the well-grouped Australian "wall".
SECOND HALF
1 min.: Baartz tries his luck on the run from 35 metres; his cannon-shot is a couple of metres wide.
2 min.: Branikovits breaks away, passes to Szoke, whose low shot isn't far off target.
3 min.: Alston is through, with the goal at his mercy, but Vepi brings him down - and is booked. It was something like the Marnoch and Radcliffe fouls on Gary Manuel in the Ampol Cup.
5 min.: Szoke intercepts a bad pass by Baartz. Luckily, his hasty 30-metre shot sails over the bar.
9 min.: A brilliant run by Juhasz, who lays it on for Mate. The Australian defence is at sixes and sevens; a goal seems certain, but the Ferencvaros No.9, from eight metres, shoots over the bar.
13 min.: Buljevic "slaloms" his way around three defenders, sends a lovely pass to Alston. "Noddy", however, has the ball taken from him by Martos, and a good Australian scoring chance goes begging.
14 min.: Curran to the rescue to break up a Branikovits-Szoke "1-2" with a corner.
16 min.: Rooney brings Jubasz down in the box. It could easily have been a penalty against Australia, but referee Don Campbell waves play on.
20 min.: A 30-metre speculator by Branikovits speeds past Milisavljevic's left post.
21 min.: Alston breaks away but loses the ball to Martos in a man-to-man duel almost on the goalline.
22 min.: A smart interchange of passes between Baartz and Alston wrong-foots the Ferencvaros defence, but the flag has gone up for "off-side".
24 min.: Utjesenovic saves a difficult situation with a last-ditch clearance from the penalty spot after Ku had shaken off two defenders.
26 min.: Juhasz again slices through the Australian defence, passes to Mate, whose 16-metre angled drive is weak.
28 min.: Three Australian heads bob up in the Ferencvaros goalmouth from an Abonyi corner, but goalie Geczi has the last word.
35 min.: Baartz shakes off three tacklers and is through, but Curran's off-side position ruins the chance.
36 min.: Baartz pounces on a loose midfield pass, sends a long through-ball to Alston - who loses the ball to the ever vigilant Vepi.
37 min.: Richards loses the ball to Branikovits, who breaks through. Milisavljevic races out to clear - just in time.
38 min.: Juhasz - that man again! - runs through the Australian defence, passes to Szoke on the right wing, who crosses, and Mate belts the ball in. Ferencvaros 2, Australia 1.
42 min.: Ferencvaros have a lucky let-off after being in all sorts of trouble in a packed goalmouth from Baartz's 19-metre freekick.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. February 1974,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales				Heavy rain					15945	
Australia..0 v. Ferencváros (Hungary)..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Ferencváros..0													
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START LIST													
	GK	James "Jim" Fraser				X		GK	István Géczi				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						RB	Gyoso Martos				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	József Mucha				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	Peter Vepi				
	CH	Colin "Col" Curran						CH	Istvan Juhasz				
	LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards		30		57		LH	László Balint				
	OR	John Warren				X*		OR	István Szoke				
	IR	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						IR	László Branikovits				
	CF	James "Jim" Rooney						CF	Janos Mate				
	IL	William "Ernie" Campbell				70		IL	Lajos Kú				
	OL	Adrian Alston				X**		OL	István Magyar				X
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				X			Ferenc Eipel				X
		Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				57							
		James "Jim" Mackay				X*							
		Maxwell "Max" Tolson				70							
		Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				X**							
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Jenő Dalnoki				
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Trainer						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 17, Number 5, 15/2/1974, page 5 by Lou Gautier

Australia missed a glorious opportunity to score a rare victory against First Division European opponents when they drew 0-0 with Ferencvaros at the Sydney Sportsground last Sunday.

The Socceroos matched the Hungarians in every department, and would probably won had they not paid Ferencvaros the undeserved compliment of regarding them too highly.

Ferencvaros, on Sunday's form, is possibly the most disappointing European team seen here since Cardiff City and Slavia Prague.

Even technically, some of their players, especially their younger brigade, were not superior to the Australians.

Lack of confidence cost the Socceroos a victory they would have deserved as they had the better of the play, though the big scoring chance of the match was Ferencvaros'.

Only Branikovits knows how he could possibly have missed an open goal in the 73rd minute after he had skirted past two defenders and rounded the sprawling Jim Milisavljevic.

A Ferencvaros win would, however, have been a travesty of justice as they did precious little to force the decision.

They gave the impression they could have played right hthrough the night without scoring.

But the Australians must share, at least equally, the blame for the match developing into a soporific affair, which incurred the slow-clapping of the crowd which should have been more indulgent because it is too early in the season for Australia to be seen at best advantage.

Our defence and the midfield, as usual, were competent. All the players in those departments did all that was expected of them, even combining attractively at times, but, oh, the strikers . . .

No matter what combination Rale Rasic tried in the second half, when three strikers were substituted, the result was always as depressing.

Hardly a move was concluded as players invariably lost the ball, stepped over it or gave a pass straight to the Hungarians.

It would be nice if occasionally some of our players tried to take on the opposition. By now they should have enough confidence to try their luck as they do in club football.

Some of our players just have to take their responsibilities and lose their timidity when they get close to goal.

Rale Rasic said after the match ne was "happy" with his team's performance and that the players had followed instructions well.

"They are still only 60% fir. It was a big improvement on Adelaide. We'll get better still," he said.

Rasic had his team playing 4-4-2 in both matches to get ready for the battles ahead in Germany where it will be vital for the Socceroos to avoid humiliating defeats.

He has every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the team adapted to the system at the rear, but the two strikers - an important part of the 4-4-2 pattern - flopped badly.

To successfully play the 4-4-2 a team must have fast, decisive strikers.

None of the players chosen for these difficult tasks in Adelaide or in Sydney filled the bill adequately.

I only counted three Australian shots at goal at the Sportsground!

The most heartening aspect of the match was the improved form of several key defenders and mid-fielders, who played much better than in Adelaide.

Schaefer and Utjesenovic showed the benefit of a tough midweek match and were almost back to their reliable best.

Peter Wilson, like in Adelaide, was the best Socceroo. But, then, when does he not rise to the occasion when he plays for Australia?

Curran, Jim Mackay, Ray Baartz and Rooney also showed up well, I thought.

They were the equal of their Ferencvaros counterparts, none of whom, Juhasz again excepted, looked too classy.

Campbell, Warren, Buljevic, Tolson, Alston, and, to a lesser degree, Abonyi, disappointed.
 I would be surprised if Rasic, despite his loyalty to all the players who served him so well in Australia's qualifying campaign, does not bring in some new strikers into his World Cup squad.
 Some players have had ample opportunity to win their berth for West Germany, but have been unable to grab their chance with both feet.
 Let's give some others a chance; they couldn't do much worse, even considering there is not all that much to choose from in forward talent in Australia.
 Referee Tony Boskovic had a first-class game, again convincing one and all that his selection to the World Cup panel was more than justified and long overdue.
 Australia: Fraser (Milisavljevic), Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Curran, Richards (Abonyi 57 min.), Warren (Mackay), Baartz, Rooney, Campbell (Tolson 70 min.), Alston (Buljevic).
 Ferencvaros: Geczi, Martos, Mucha, Vepi, Juhasz, Balint, Szoke, Branikovits, Mate, Ku, Magyar (Eipel).

Sydney Match Diary by Keith Gilmour.

1 min.: Peter Wilson pushes one across field in a tight defensive position and Istvan Szoke takes the first shot of the game, a deflection which Fraser easily holds.
 3 min.: Australia's chance follows a long Richards throw into Ferencvaros' box. Geczi punches it away, and Baartz directs his shot half a metre over the crossbar.
 5 min.: Rooney works a perfect move with Baartz and Alston, but the latter's offside ruined a marvellous movement.
 7 min.: Ferencvaros apply the pressure through Szoke and Branikovits to force a corner.
 11 min.: Wilson stops Szoke with a no-nonsense tackle to give away a 25 metre freekick. Rooney concedes the corner to relieve pressure.
 14 min.: Mate brilliantly turns the ball to round Wilson, but no-one is there to greet his cross.
 15 min.: Juhasz concedes a corner from Richards' header. Peter Wilson is up for the action but his big forward jump brings a collision and a freekick against him.
 17 min.: Laszlo Branikovits is sent away up the right. He chops the ball into touch by mistake.
 19 min.: Utjesenovic sends a lovely ground ball to Ernie Campbell. Vepi's sudden acceleration robs Campbell of opportunity and ball.
 23 min.: Branikovits fouls Warren, the ball comes through to Campbell, to Alston, who skies it off a Ferencvaros player for a corner.
 25 min.: A great reverse direction pass from Ray Baartz deep in midfield to the advancing Curran, but the Hungarian defence holds well.
 30 min.: Ferencvaros move well in left wing foray, Branikovits, Magyar and clever Ku doing the damage. Richards went in the Boskovic book for a foul on Ku.
SECOND HALF
 1 min.: Istvan Szoke had no trouble moving through the right wing, skewing a dangerous cross in amongst three of his own forwards. Jimmy Milisavljevic excelled himself by scuttling down after the ball and pushing it out of danger.
 6 min.: Ernie Campbell, who spent the first half passing, finally decided to take the defence on, and succeeded at attempt No.1.
 8 min.: Rooney tried a long cross pass, but Richards just failed to capitalise on the advantage.
 9 min.: A long low shot from Baartz, and seconds later Istvan Juhasz cuts off an attempt by Baartz to race clear in the centre.
 11 min.: Abonyi is the replacement for Richards as steady rain brings the umbrellas up.
 15 min.: Mate makes the Hungarians' most dangerous break so far. Feet first, Jimmy Milisavljevic saves to push the ball away for a corner.
 16 min.: Jim Mackay has the crowd with him when he tried a 35-metre "Hong Kong" special. Istvan Geczi makes a clean catch, and it was all anti-climax.
 20 min.: Branko Buljevic goes the wrong way after Abonyi tried one of his clever moves. The rain turns to torrents.
 24 min.: Mackay, Abonyi and Baartz streak away, but into the Hungarian cover defence.
 25 min.: Laszlo Branikovits gets a dangerous cross from the right, but Doug Utjesenovic heads away over the goal-line to kill the move.
 29 min.: Szoke steers past two men but Milisavljevic is there, and then Branikovits, in quick succession, misses the opening of the match.
 33 min.: Max Tolson, of all people, gets fouled twice running! Buljevic pile-drives the freekick. It spills out of Geczi's arms, but not far enough ahead to give the menacing Aussie forwards a shot.

Ferencváros also had the following challenge matches.

2nd.February 1979 Victoria..2 v. Ferencváros..3 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria
 8th.February 1979 Northern N.S.W. ..2 v. Ferencváros..4 at Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales
 12th.February 1979 St.George-Budapest..1 v. Ferencváros..3 at Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, New South Wales

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. March 1974,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									2975	
Australia..0 v. Auckland XI (New Zealand)..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Auckland XI..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	James "Jim" Fraser				X		GK	Praven Jeram				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						RB	Tony Sibley				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Brian Armstrong				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer						RH	Brian Turner				
	CH	Colin "Col" Curran						CH	John Houghton				
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney						LH	Nigel Ashurst				X
	OR	James "Jim" Mackay				X*		OR	Vivian Hope-Eadst				X*
	IR	David "Dave" Harding						IR	Dennis Tindall				
	CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						CF	Bill de Graaf				
	IL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi						IL	Earl Thomas				X**
	OL	Peter Ollerton						OL	Ron Armstrong (c)				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				X			John Legg				X
		Ray Pocock				X*			Dave Taylor				X*
									Adrian Elrick				X**
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Ken Armstrong				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Manager						
Referee		T.Davies											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 17, Number 11, 29/3/1974, page 5 by Lou Gautier

Cruel jeers and sarcastic shouts of "You want \$8,000 for THAT" echoed around the depressingly empty Sydney Sportsground last Wednesday as the Socceroos laboriously inched their way to an inglorious 0-0 draw with the Auckland XI.

The 2,975 spectators, who all deserve medals for sitting through a pathetically inept performance, let the players know in no uncertain terms what they thought of their financial demands for the World Cup.

And who could blame them as the Aussies again turned in one of those shockers they are famous for in practice matches.

The players were the first to admit they played diabolically. The Australian dressing-room was positively morgue-like after the game.

Rarely have I seen so many players flop miserably at the same time.

Doug Utjesenovic, Jim Mackay and Ray Baartz stood out singularly in that respect and played as though in a trance.

Their team-mates were not all that better, but Jack Reilly, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Jim Rooney and Peter Ollerton at least didn't botch up just about everything they attempted.

Ollerton, in fact, was the only dangerous striker, but whether he is the man Rale Rasic is after for West Germany, where all eleven players will have to drop back to defend as per his World Cup tactics, is another matter.

Only Rale knows the answer to that one, but the APIA forward is a good bet for a place in the "22".

Dave Harding didn't make much of an impression one way or the other, but it is obvious that goalkeeper Reilly will be accompanying Jim Fraser and Milisavljevic to the finals and that Alan Maher will have to wait until 1978 to stake his World Cup claim.

Australia's inability to take charge against weaker opposition was cruelly exposed once more.

The Socceroos are so accustomed to playing against more skilful opponents where they have to do all the defending, that when they come up against an inferior team and the roles are reversed, they are totally incapable of meeting the challenge.

The lack of creative, skilful players makes it extremely difficult to skirt a massed defence and as long as we cannot unearth that type of player in Australia we are doomed to struggle against weaker sides who leave the decision-making to us.

I have yet to see Australia play well in a warm-up match, yet, somehow, the team always manages to lift itself when the chips are down.

What awaits the Socceroos in Germany is, of course, ten times tougher than anything they've ever faced in the past, but who is to say that after 25 days of intensive training and match practice they won't show the world their better face in Hamburg?

They surely want to because a display of the calibre of last week's would bring disaster against any of the 15 World Cup finalists, and that includes Haiti and Zaire.

In view of the most unsatisfactory training arrangements, which are all but non-existent, it is not all that surprising that the Australian team was so stunningly bad against Auckland.

Since things cannot get better, and will probably deteriorate further if the "track record" of Australian soccer is any indication, Rasic could do worse than to make up his mind at once on the team he intends to field in the World Cup opener.

He could then at least field this team every Wednesday from now on, no matter how puny the opposition, and keep his fingers crossed that when mid-June comes around a certain degree of cohesion will have been reached.

I won't embarrass the Aussies, who paddled around like a lot of old sheilas, by reminding them of all the chances they missed and all the passes that went astray.

But I still wonder how Ray Baartz failed to score in the 67th minute when he shot over the bar from 12 metres after Pocock had laid the ball at his feet.

Sure, the Australians dominated the game territorially for long periods and were frustrated by the brilliant goalkeeping of Praven Jeram, but this is no excuse.

A 0-0 draw will go down in the record books as a terrible result against more than modest opponents.

The Kiwis were understandably jubilant about forcing a draw. Good luck to them!

Unbelievably incompetent in the first half, they grew bolder as the game progressed and in the last 20 minutes actually enjoyed as much of the play as their opponents, but were just as inconclusive.

I hope that if the teams meet again next month in Auckland the New Zealand public will be treated to a better spectacle.

Australia: Reilly (Milisavljevic), Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Curran, Rooney, Mackay (Pocock), Harding, Baartz, Ollerton, Abonyi.

Auckland: Jeram, Sibley, R.Armstrong, Turner, Houghton, Ashurst (Legg), Hope-Eadst (Taylor), Tindall, De Graff, Thomas (Elrick), R.Armstrong.

Referee: T.Davies

Crowd: 2,975.

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Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
3rd. April 1974,				Woonona Oval, Wollongong, New South Wales										2500	
Balgownie..1 v. Australia 'B'..3															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
								GK					X		
		W.Ronald							G.Manuel	X					
									W.Rogers	X, X					
SUBSTITUTES															
								GK	Saverio Madeschi				X		
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic						
Team Manager							Team Trainer								
Referee							Team Manager								
Linesman															
Linesman															

Date & Time		Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. April 1974, 20.00		Englefield Stadium, Dural, New South Wales											
Australia U-23..? v. Australia..?													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. April 1974,			Bankstown Soccer Centre, Bankstown, New South Wales									1217	
Bankstown..1 v. Australia..4													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		D.Madden	(og)										
									James "Jim" Mackay	X			
									Colin "Col" Curran	X			
									James "Jim" Rooney	X			
		N.Wilkinson	X										
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. April 1974, 15.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									20283	
Australia..0 v. Uruguay..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Uruguay..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John "Jack" Reilly						GK	Hector Santos				
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						RB	Mario González				
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)						LB	Walter Olivera Prada				46
	RH	Manfred Schaefer				37		RH	Juan Masnik Hornos (c)				
	CH	Colin "Col" Curran						CH	Mario Zoryez				
	LH	James "Jim" Mackay						LH	Julio Jiménez Tejito				
	OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards						OR	Denis Milar Otero				62
	IR	James "Jim" Rooney						IR	Alberto Cardaccio				
	CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz						CF	Juan Silva				
	IL	Gary Manuel				62		IL	Fernando Morena				
	OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic						OL	Ruben Romeo Corbo				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Adrian Alston				37			Gustavo De Simone				46
		Peter Ollerton				62			Walter Mantegazza González				62
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Roberto Porta				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Manager						
Referee		Peter Rampley											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 26/4/1974, page 26 by Laurie Schwab

The Australian soccer team showed it has found the perfect playing formula for the World Cup finals by holding Uruguay to a scoreless draw in front of 22,000 people at Olympic Park yesterday.

Critics who had slammed coach Zvonimir Rasic for his "negative" 4-4-2 formation were eating their words last night.

Australia dominated the match for 70 minutes and had more scoring opportunities than Uruguay.

Outplayed on the field and outmanoeuvred by Rasic, the frustrated South Americans resorted to rough play.

Rasic said afterwards; "I don't call it rough, I call it dirty."

"I wouldn't be surprised if they don't know how to play fair."

"Before the match they said if we played it hard, they would play harder."

"But if they believe that their dirty play was a counter to our so-called ruggedness, then they're not speaking the same language."

Indeed, at least two Uruguayans were lucky that they weren't sent off by Sydney referee Peter Rampley.

Rasic said; "Our team played better than anyone had expected."

"Uruguay was a disappointment. Its players started kicking in the first 10 minutes. There was no need for it."

"In addition, their skills and ability were far below what I had expected, but then we never allowed them to play."

Uruguay coach Roberto Porta said only that he was surprised by the high standard of the Australian team.

Australia's best player was left-back Col Curran, whose endless overlapping was a vital factor in his team's midfield dominance.

Curran had more shots at goal than his forwards and goalkeeper Hector Santos did well to block him in the 20th and 51st minutes.

Ray Baartz and Jimmy Mackay were both brilliant in midfield.

Ray Richards went close to scoring in the first half and was a tower of strength when he dropped back to replace injured Manfred Schaefer in the second half.

It was inevitable that the hard-running Australians would tire, but when Uruguay fought back in the last 20 minutes goalkeeper Jack Reilly made two uncanny saves.

In the 62nd minute, a cross by substitute Daniel Mantegazza found Uruguay's star striker Fernando Morena in the clear.

A goal seemed certain but Reilly courageously dived at Morena's feet, collecting the full force of his boot and the ball.

A few minutes later, Julio Jimenez headed towards goal from Ruban Corbo's cross but Reilly rose into the air to tap the ball over the bar.

Morena, Uruguay's top scorer on tour, was cut out of the game, first by Schaefer and then by Richards, and managed to show his skills only when Australia tired late in the game.

Uruguay failed to score because it rarely got close to goal.

Australia did not score because it lacked the numbers in attack and because of some great defending by Walter Olivera, Juan Masnik and Mario Zoryes.

Australia's build-up were perhaps a little too slow but they were effective because the man with the ball always had an unmarked player to pass to.

Jimmy Mackay shot from 30 metres in the 14th minute and narrowly missed the top corner. Within minutes, his header went flashing across the face of goal.

Juan masnik collected a ball at the edge of the goal area in the 27th minute but failed to control it and forfeited the scoring chance.

AUSTRALIA 0, URUGUAY 0.

Best players: Australia; Curran, Baartz, Mackay, Richards. Uruguay; Corbo, Cardaccio, Masnik, Zoryes.

AUSTRALIA: Reilly, Wilson, Utjesenovic, Schaefer (injured, sub. Alston 38th min.), Richards, Curran, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Manuel (inj. sub Ollerton 62nd), Buljevic.

URUGUAY: Santos, Gonzales, Olivera (inj. sub de Simone half-time), Masnik, Zoryes, Milar (Mantegazza 62nd), Cardaccio, Silva, Jimenez, Morena, Corbo.

Crowd: 22,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. April 1974, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney New South Wales									25708	
Australia..2 v. Uruguay..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Uruguay..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John "Jack" Reilly					GK	Gustavo Fernández Figueroa					
	RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenić					RB	Mario González					
	LB	Peter Wilson (c)					LB	Gustavo De Simone					
	RH	Raymond "Ray" Richards					RH	Luis Garisto Pan				76	
	CH	Colin "Col" Curran					CH	Mario Zoryez					83
	LH	James "Jim" Rooney					LH	Julio Jiménez Tejito					
	OR	David "Dave" Harding					OR	Walter Mantegazza González					
	IR	James "Jim" Mackay					IR	Alberto Cardaccio					
	CF	Raymond "Ray" Baartz	59			76	CF	Jóse Gómez					68
	IL	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi					IL	Fernando Morena					
	OL	Peter Ollerton	84				OL	Ruben Romeo Corbo					
SUBSTITUTES													
		Adrian Alston				76			Juan Silva				83
									Denis Milar Otero				68
Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic					Team Coach		Roberto Porta				
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Trainer						
Referee		Don Campbell					Team Manager						
Linesman		Peter Rampley											
Linesman													

match report from The Sun-Herald, 28/4/1974, page 48 by Rod Humphries

The Uruguay Soccer team tried one of football's ruses to try and save a teammate from being sent off at the SCG yesterday.

The excitable Uruguayans went into a huddle and punched one of their own men, splitting his lip. They then claimed that the injury had been caused by an Australian player.

This happened while the Uruguayans were pleading the case of Luis Garisto, who had been sent off following the felling of Australia's goal scorer, Ray Baartz, behind the play.

Many in the crowd of 25,000 could not understand why Fernando Morena kept walking in front of the referee and pointing to his mouth while the case was being argued for Garisto.

But linesman, Peter Rampley, said later that the players had gone into a huddle, and Morena had received a quick right-hand to the mouth. He then pleaded with the referee that an Australian had done it and had started all the trouble.

"I couldn't believe my eyes - these fellows have more tricks than a magician," Rampley said.

Rampley said that when he reported the felling of Baartz, Morena had been aware of what was going to happen, and after the sending-off, the quick huddle was formed and the punch was thrown.

Ironically, the referee did not have any idea until after the game what Morena and his teammates were saying as they pursued him across the field, arguing and pointing at the split lip.

Campbell merely told interpreters when he got to the side line that he would abandon the game if there was any more trouble.

It was an amazing incident in an amazing match that will go down as Australia's greatest triumph in world Soccer so far.

Uruguay, one of the tall poppies of world Soccer and twice winners of the World Cup - in 1930 and 1950 - are seeded fourth for the Cup finals in Munich in June.

The general feeling of Soccer personalities after the game was that Australia can no longer be considered an easy-beat for the Munich finals - and must be given some chance of making the last eight.

Most people I spoke to after the game, felt that Australia's win over Uruguay suggested that we could beat Chile in our group - mainly because Uruguay has lost only two matches in the last 20 encounters with their fellow South Americans.

Australia also faces the outstanding German teams from both sides of the Berlin wall, with West Germany a strong favourite to win the Cup itself.

Although it may be a little presumptuous, players and officials are now thinking a win over Chile and a possible draw with East Germany would lift them into the last eight.

Australian Federation Soccer president Sir Arthur George said; "We've come of age today."

He told a group of players, wives and officials after the game there would be quite a few comments in Australia now, after the win against Uruguay.

"But there will be some shocked remarks in Europe," he said with a smile. "In fact. I believe our price has been cut from 250-1 to 225-1," he told a laughing crowd.

But Sir Arthur said a Brazilian friend, visiting Sydney, had told him that Australia would beat Chile in the Uruguayan performance, and that East Germany might be not that far ahead.

Coach Rale Rasic, never one to get carried away - probably because he does not want the players to get swollen heads - said there was still a long way to go.

"This is not really the type of football we are going to get against the two German teams - they play much better football," he said.

"Our team is far from being perfect, we still have a lot of work to do."

Assistant national coach Les Scheinflug said it was a tremendous performance, especially as the players had not had a lot of time together.

Late in the opening half, Baartz was running to provide support in the Australian penalty box when Uruguay's Luis Garisto threw out his arm to retard his opponent. The side of Garisto's hand caught Baartz across the throat in an action that Australian coach Rale Rasic later described as "a karate chop". Baartz was felled, but got up after a few minutes of treatment. The blow to his throat had damaged his carotid artery that swelled and closed, with the reaction later being diagnosed as equivalent to a stroke. Despite this, Baartz played on and in the second half scored with a 25m rocket described by Rale Rasic as one of the best goals scored by an Australian. Baartz was attacked again later in the game by another player, Luis Garisto, who received a red card for a punch. The following day, Baartz awoke partly paralysed and was taken to hospital. Doctors were unsure if he would come out alive and it took him two years to fully recover.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
21st. May 1974,			Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia				Humid					62000	
Indonesia..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Indonesia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ronny Pasla					GK	John "Jack" Reilly					
	RB	Sutan Harhara					RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					
	LB	Rusdy Bahalwan					LB	Peter Wilson (c)	77				
	RH	Subordro					RH	Manfred Schaefer					
	CH	Oyong Liza					CH	Colin "Col" Curran	80				
	LH	Batjo					LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards					46
	OR	Waskito	89				OR	James "Jim" Rooney					72
	IR	Ronny Pattinansarany					IR	James "Jim" Mackay					
	CF	Risdianto				85	CF	Adrian Alston					60
	IL	Anjas Asmara				80	IL	Peter Ollerton					
	OL	Abdul Kadir					OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic					46*
SUBSTITUTES													
		Andi Lala				85		John Warren					46
		Djunsid Abdullah				80		Harry Williams					72
								Gary Manuel					60
								Attila "Ottie" Abonyi					46*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Juremi (Indonesia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 22/5/1974, page 17

Australia's World Cup Soccer team beat Indonesia 2-1 at the Senayan Stadium tonight in the first of the tourists' six warm-up matches before the Cup finals in West Germany next month.

The Australians had trouble containing an improved and faster Indonesian national side but scored a breakthrough with two quick goals towards the end of the match.

The result reflected an improvement by the Indonesians as they were beaten 6-0 and 4-1 by Australia last year.

Tonight's good showing by the Indonesian side follows their morale boosting 2-1 win over Uruguay recently.

Australia's goals came from headers, one by captain Peter Wilson in the 77th minute and the other in the 79th minute by Col Curran.

The Australians swarmed angrily around the referee when the best Indonesian player of the night, winger Waskito, scored in the last few minutes of the game because the linesman had waved his flag for off-side.

The referee allowed the goal.

At least 62,000 people watched the fast-paced match which Australian officials said was a good workout in the team's World Cup preparation.

The Australians leave for Tel Aviv tomorrow where they will play two matches, one against Israel, and from there travel to Switzerland to prepare for their World Cup games against East Germany, West Germany and Chile.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
28th. May 1974, 19.00			Bloomfield Stadium, Jaffa, Israel									14000	
Israel..2 v. Australia..1													
half time, Israel..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Yosef Sorinov						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	RB	Israel Hajaj						RB	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	LB	Yisha'ayahu Schwager						LB	Peter Wilson (c)				
	RH	Zvi Rozen						RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Menachem "Miko" Bello						CH	Harry Williams				
	LH	Elimeleh Leventhal						LH	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	OR	Itzhak Shum						OR	James "Jim" Rooney				
	IR	Yehoshua "Shiye" Feigenbaum	58, 88					IR	James "Jim" Mackay	89			
	CF	Gideon "Gidi" Damti				80		CF	Adrian Alston				
	IL	Yitzhak "Viky" Peretz						IL	Peter Ollerton				70
	OL	Yoel Massuari						OL	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				88
SUBSTITUTES													
		Oded Machnes				80			Gary Manuel				70
									Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				88
Team Coach		David Schweitzer					Team Coach		Les Scheinflug				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Jean Dubach (Switzerland)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 30/5/1974, page 17 by Brian Mossop

Australia's World Cup Soccer team, beaten by the skill and speed of a superior Israeli combination last night, will have to learn fast from a video tape of the match if they are to have any chance in the finals in West Germany.

Tour leader Tom Grimson, representing the Australian Soccer Federation, will negotiate with the Israeli Football Association later today for the purchase of a tape of the match.

Australia were outclassed and Israel should have won by a far greater margin than two goals to one.

Veteran midfielder Yehoshua Feigenbaum led the Israeli onslaught, carving big holes in the Australian defence.

Australian coach Rale Rasic, who is in Leipzig to watch East Germany play England tonight, missed seeing his team for the first time in four years.

He would have shuddered had he been here.

The Australians were yards slower than their Israeli counterparts and had little to offer against the far superior skill of the locals.

Swiss referee Jean Dubach, who handled the game to perfection, had some harsh words about the Australian's World Cup chances.

"They will have absolutely no chance against either East Germany or West Germany," he said.

"The Australians are too slow and too disorganised to entertain any hopes in the finals."

Injury hit Australia again last night. Rangy front-running forward Peter Ollerton had to be replaced in the 70th minute and was limping badly from the effects of a badly bruised hip this morning.

Assistant coach Les Scheinflug, who was in charge of the side during Rasic's absence, will name later today the team to play a combined club side in Jerusalem tomorrow. Ollerton will definitely miss the game.

Scheinflug was surprisingly unruffled by the Australian performance. In fact, he claimed that they could have won.

"I did not think we played too badly at all," he said.

"Had we taken our chances, we could have beaten them."

"And don't forget, we were playing to a laid down pattern."

But the pattern was almost impossible to see.

Apart from Jimmy Rooney, who ran his legs off in midfield, and skipper Peter Wilson, who never seems to play a bad game for his country, the Australians, seemed hopelessly adrift.

Israel dominated the midfield and it was through the fine understanding between Feigenbaum, international newcomer Eli Leventhal, Gideon Damti and Joel Masuari that they were able to apply consistent pressure.

Tomorrow's game in Jerusalem (kick-off 12.30 am Friday, Sydney time) should provide a run for several reserve players.

Last night's teams were:-

AUSTRALIA: Jack Reilly, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Harry Williams, Ray Richards, Jimmy Rooney, Jimmy Mackay, Adrian Alston, Peter Ollerton (replaced by Gary Manuel after 70 minutes), Branko Buljevic (replaced by Atti Abonyi after 88 minutes).

ISRAEL: Joseph Sorinov, Israel Hajaj, Zvi Rosen, Yeshayanu Schwanger, Menachem Bello, Yitzhak Schum, Yehoshua Feigenbaum, Eli Leventhal, Victor Perets, Joel Masuari, Gideon Damti (replaced by Macnes after 70 minutes).

ISRAEL 2 (Feigenbaum) bt AUSTRALIA 1 (Mackay).

Crowd: 14,000.

part report from *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 31/5/1974, page 13.
In a dramatic decision one hour before the kick-off, Australia's Soccer match against the Beitar combination in Jerusalem was called off.
Australian World Cup team manager John Barclay made the shock decision after an inspection of the YMCA pitch.
The pitch was covered with jagged pieces of glass and the steel safety fence around the pitch was laced with nails and bolts.
The fence was only feet away from the byline at each end of the playing area.
"If anyone had crashed into it we could have been in serious trouble," Mr. Barclay said.
"In all conscience we could not take the risk."

Founded on 19 April 1879, FC St. Gallen is the oldest club still in existence in Swiss football. However, the team has had relatively little success in comparison to other clubs. Despite the fact that St. Gallen won the Swiss championship in the 1903–04 season, the team has mostly been a mid-table side. The oldest documented match was on 1 May 1892, when FC [St.Gallen](#) lost 1-0 to Grasshoppers Zurich. In the lead-up to the game, the Grasshoppers complained that the goals were too small. In the return match in Zurich, normal goal sizes were used, Grasshoppers won 6-0. FC St.Gallen then replaced its goals with those of standard size.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
4th. June 1974,			Espenmoos Stadium, St.Gallen, Switzerland									4000	
F.C St.Gallen 1879 (Switzerland)..1 v. Australia..4													
half time, St.Gallen..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Karl Hutter						GK	Alan Maher				
									Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
									Peter Wilson (c)				
									John Watkiss				
	CH	Peter Güggi	66(og)						Harry Williams				
									James "Jim" Mackay				
		Rolf Blättler	82						James "Jim" Rooney				
									William "Ernie" Campbell				
									Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
									Adrian Alston	69, 77, 78			
									John Warren				
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

FC St. Gallen 1973-74 squad also included:-
Heinz Bigler (DF), Georges Aliesch, Kurt Brander, Willi Dürrschnabel, Bertram Mogg, Željko Perušić, Walter Seger (MF), Christian Labhart, Jost Leuzinger, Günther Nasdalla (FW).

FC St. Gallen 1974-75 squad also included:-
Heinz Bigler, Christoph Grzonka (DF), Kurt Brander, Willi Dürrschnabel, Hans Frauenknecht, Bertram Mogg, Walter Seger (MF), Christian Labhart, Jost Leuzinger, Günther Nasdalla, Rudolf "Ruedi" Schnnberger (FW).

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 6/6/1974, page 17 by Brian Mossop

Only nine days remain before the World Cup Soccer finals and the spirits of the Australians have soared after last night's impressive 4-1 win over Swiss first division club, St Gallen.

The results and the manner in which it was achieved were vital shots in the arm for morale, which had sunk to a dangerous low.

Confidence, which had ebbed away since the 1-2 loss to Israel in Tel Aviv a week ago, has suddenly flooded back.

The Australians, moving as they did against Uruguay in Sydney, reassured themselves that they have qualities which, however basic alongside the giant footballing nations, will make them anything but a pushover in West Germany.

Even more gratifying, last night's uplifting performance came from a largely recast side.

Jack Reilly, Manfred Schaefer, Ray Richards, Peter Ollerton and Branko Buljevic, all near certainties for the finals were watching from the bench.

Three East German technical assistants and the assistant coach of Chile left the small St Gallen ground impressed by Australia's cool and controlled game.

The much-maligned Adrian Alston exploded life into the game after a scoreless first half when he switched to a deeper-lying midfield role.

Alston read the game perfectly to burst through the middle for three sweetly-taken goals.

The power in his accurate left foot gave St Gallen goalkeeper Hutter no chance and brought back memories of the elegant Ray Baartz.

Jimmy Rooney, John Warren, skipper Peter Wilson, John Watkiss and goalkeeper Allan Maher were equally outstanding.

Last night's win emphasised once again how sorely coach Rale Rasic was missed last week.

Rasic has built up an understanding with his players which will be difficult for anyone to follow. Last night seemed a perfect opportunity to knit together his World Cup side, but he said; "My front line team is not the one I am worried about. I must keep the whole team happy and give as many as possible a chance."

Tomorrow, Australia face a far tougher test against one of Switzerland's leading clubs, Young Boys Berne at Brugg.

The match is due to kick-off at 8pm (5 am Friday, Sydney).

The Australian team against St Gallen was; Maher, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Watkiss, Williams, Mackay, Rooney, Campbell, Abonyi, Alston, Warren.

AUSTRALIA 4 (Guggi own goal, Alston 3) beat F.C. ST GALLEN 1 (Blattler).

Crowd: 4000.

FC Young Boys was founded in 1898. Its name was intended to mimic that of the Basel-based club Old Boys. After having trained for the early years on the Schwellenmätteli, from 1904 onwards they played at Spitalacker-Platz. YB joined the Central League, which they won, and were invited to play in the finals of the Swiss championship (Swiss Super League). Although they did not win the championship they were always in the top three in the regional group. When World War I erupted Spitalacker-Platz was converted to a potato field and YB arranged to rent facilities at Kirchfeld. After the war, the team again played on the Spitalacker-Platz but in 1925 the club decided to move to Wankdorffeld where the new Wankdorf Stadium was built. The club also changed its name from FC Young Boys to Berner Sport Club Young Boys. The club won the Swiss Super League in 1928-29, and again in 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59, and 1959-60; and the Swiss Cup in 1929-30, 1944-45, 1952-53 and 1957-58.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
6th. June 1974, 20.00			Stadion Au, Brugg, Switzerland									4000	
Berner S.C. Young Boys (Switzerland)..0 v. Australia..2													
half time, Berner S.C. Young Boys..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Walter Eichenberger					GK	John "Jack" Reilly					X
	DF	Rolf Vögeli						Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					
		Bosshard						Peter Wilson (c)					
	DF	Martin Trümpler						Manfred Schaefer					
	DF	Ernst Schmocker						Harry Williams					
		Wytttenbach				46		Raymond "Ray" Richards	30	X			
	MF	Jan Andersen						James "Jim" Rooney					
		Messerli						James "Jim" Mackay					
	DF	Köbi Brechbühl						John Warren					X*
	FW	Serge Muhmenthaler						Adrian Alston					X**
	DF	Jean-Claude Bruttin						Branislav "Branko" Buljevic					X***
SUBSTITUTES													
		Rossi				46		Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic					X
								William "Ernie" Campbell					X*
								Peter Ollerton					X**
								Attila "Ottie" Abonyi	78				X***
Team Coach		Kurt Linder					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Anton Bucheli (Switzerland)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 8/6/1974, page 69 by Brian Mossop
John Barclay, manager of the Australian World Cup Soccer team, had to muster all his power of persuasion last night to stop a report on Ray Richards from landing on FIFA's desk. Richards received a yellow caution card during last night's game against Young Boys Berne in Brugg after a mild run-in with Swiss referee Anton Bucheli. As soon as the game, won 2-0 by Australia, was over, Bucheli advised Barclay that he would be filing a report to FIFA. Barclay hit the roof claiming the match against the Swiss club side had been a friendly game arranged between the Australian Soccer Federation and the Swiss FA and that any reports should go to the countries concerned. "This has got nothing at all to do with FIFA," Barclay stormed. After 10 minutes of haggling through an interpreter, Bucheli agreed. FIFA rules lay down an automatic one-match suspension for any player being cautioned twice in international matches and with the World Cup due to kick off next week Barclay's fears were understandable. Rasic will be looking for a far smarter performance against Neuchatel than the Australians produced in downing Young Boys Berne 2-0 in Brugg last night. The win, although serving to keep spirits high, was not an encouraging performance so close to the World Cup. The bold gamble by Australian Soccer coach Rale Rasic on the fitness of full-back Col Curran seems doomed to failure. Curran's name has already been registered with FIFA, but Australia seems destined to be at least one nation among the 16 finalists with only 21 fit players. AUSTRALIA 2 (R.Richards, A.Abonyi) beat YOUNG BOYS (BERNE) 0. Crowd: 4,000

match report supplied by Stadtbibliothek Brugg

Stadion Au, 4000 Zuschauer, Schiedsrichter Bucheli Luzern. Tore: Richard (30. Min.), Abony (78. Min.). - Bemerkungen: YB ohne Schild Nationalmannschaftsaufgebot, Cornioley und Conz (verletzt), Latour (Kurs in Magglingen).

YB: Eichenberger; Vögeli; Bosshard, Trümpler, Schmocker; Andersen, Messerli, Wytenbach (ab 46. Min. Rossi), Brechbühl, Bruttin, Muhmentaler.

Bei idealen Bedingungen begannen beide Mannschaften äusserst vorsichtig, und die Australier agierten mehrheitlich nur mit Sicherheitspässen. Schild und Cornioley fehlten den Bernern offensichtlich, denn selten bekamen die Zuschauer gute Kombinationen zu sehen. Die Berner kamen während der ersten Halbzeit zu keiner einzigen Torchance, während der Treffer der Australier durch Richard mit einem Kopfstoss auf Flanke von Alston erzielt wurde. Nach der Pause wickelte sich das Spielgeschehen mehrheitlich in der Platzhälfte der Australier ab, doch wurden die YB-Stürmer sehr eng markiert, und die athletisch hervorragende Verteidigung der Australier war der beste Mannschaftsteil. Bei einem der wenigen Konterattacken erzielte Abony mit einer herrlichen Direktabnahme das entscheidende 0:2.

Nach diesem Spiel fällt es sehr schwer, die Stärke der Australier zu beurteilen. Von den Bernern wurden die Zuschauer arg enttäuscht, denn offensichtlich fehlte es an Willen und Einsatz, um die Spieler nach Saisonschluss nochmals zu einer Sonderleistung mobilisieren zu können.

A loose translation is:-

Stadion Au, 4000 spectators, referee Bucheli, Luzern. Goals: Richard (30th min.), Abony (78th min.). - Remarks: YB were without shield national team members, Cornioley and Conz (injured), Latour (away in Magglingen).

YB: Eichenberger; Vögeli; Bosshard, Trümpler, Schmocker; Andersen, Messerli, Wytenbach (sub 46th min. Rossi), Brechbühl, Bruttin, Muhmentaler.

In ideal conditions, both teams started extremely cautiously, and most of the Australians only played safety passes.

Schild and Cornioley were obviously missed by the Bernese, and the spectators rarely got to see good combinations.

The Bernese did not get a single scoring chance during the first half, while the Australians' goal was scored by Richard with a header from a cross from Alston.

After the break, the majority of the game took place in the Australians' half of the pitch, but the YB strikers were marked very closely, and the athletic defence of the Australians was the best part of the team.

In one of the few counter-attacks, Abony scored with a wonderful direct strike, 0-2.

After this game, it is very difficult to judge the strength of the Australians.

The spectators were very disappointed by the Bernese, because there was a lack of will and commitment to mobilize its players for a special performance after the end of the season.

Neuchâtel Xamax FCS was created in 1970 through a merger between FC Cantonal (founded in 1906 and Swiss champions of 1916) and FC Xamax founded in 1912. The name Xamax comes from legendary Swiss international 'Xam' Max Abegglen, one of the founding members.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. June 1974,			Stade de la Maladière, Neuchâtel, Switzerland									3400	
Neuchâtel Xamax FCS (Switzerland)..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, Neuchâtel Xamax FCS..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Hermann Ruffli				46		GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
	DF	Jean-Pierre Claude						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				46
	DF	Ilario Mantoan						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
	DF	Branko Rašović						DF	Manfred Schaefer				
	DF	Peter Blusch						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
	MF	Horst Nussbaum				11		MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards	62			
	MF	Jean-Claude Richard						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
	FW	Adriano Ripamonti						MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
	FW	Laroussi						MF	John Warren				46*
	FW	Jean-Michel Guillaume						FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				46**
	FW	Jean-Michel Elsig						FW	Adrian Alston				46***
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Pascal Lecoultre				46			William "Ernie" Campbell				46**
	DF	Roland Citherlet				11			Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				46*
									Harry Williams				46
									Peter Ollerton				46***
Team Coach		Lev Mantula					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		André Favre											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 10/6/1974, page 11 by Brian Mossop.

Disappointment and concern are deeply etched on the face of Australian Soccer coach Rale Rasic on the eve of the squad's departure for Hamburg and the World Cup finals.

The Australians ended their warm-up series yesterday with a 1-0 win over Xamax Neuchatel in Neuchatel, the chocolate heart of Switzerland, to complete a hat-trick of successes against Swiss National League teams.

But the score was only the candy-coated veneer on a lacklustre performance which has left Australia's line-up for the first World Cup match against the powerful East Germans up in the air.

Following an equally unconvincing showing against Young Boys of Berne two days earlier, the display must have left the East German "spies" rubbing their hands with glee at their prospects on Friday.

"On these performances settling on a side is impossible," an upset Rasic said.

"They have had too many games too quickly and are just not playing as a team."

A half-time blast by Rasic and four team changes produced only a small spark in the second period.

Ernie Campbell, Branko Buljevic and Peter Ollerton replaced John Warren, Atti Abonyi and Adrian Alston for the second half with Harry Williams playing at left back.

ray Richards netted a 25-metre free kick in the 62nd minute for the Australian victory.

The match marked the return of Col Curran, his first appearance since damaging a left knee ligament almost three weeks ago.

Rasic switched him from left to right-back for the second half and was pleased enough that he was able to see out the game.

But Curran was understandably tentative.

Xamax, no stronger than a mediocre Sydney first division club side, were able to expose weaknesses in Australia's strongest point - defence.

Manfred Schaefer looked uncertain enough for the second time in as many matches to cause Rasic serious thought about bringing veteran defender John Watkiss back in the team.

Schaefer and right fullback Doug Utjesenovic have been the cause of some concern with performances well below their capabilities.

The forward line formation is also a problem Rasic will have to iron out in the next few days.

The Australians are due in Hamburg tomorrow morning.

World Cup finals, Group 1													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. June 1974, 19.30			Volksparkstadion, Hamburg, West Germany									17000	
East Germany..2 v. Australia..0													
half time, East Germany..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Jürgen Croy					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
18	DF	Gerhard "Gerd" Kische		61			2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
3	DF	Bernd Bransch (c)					3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
4	DF	Konrad Weise					4	DF	Manfred Schaefer				
12	DF	Siegmar Wätzlich		32			5	DF	Colin "Col" Curran	58(og)			
14	MF	Jürgen Sparwasser					6	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
16	MF	Harald Irmischer					8	MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
7	MF	Jürgen Pommerenke					7	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
8	FW	Wolfram Löwe				55	9	MF	John Warren				
11	FW	Joachim Streich	72				12	FW	Adrian Alston				
15	FW	Eberhard Vogel		58			20	FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				
SUBSTITUTES													
20	MF	Martin Hoffmann				55	10	FW	Gary Manuel				
2	MF	Lothar Kurbjuweit					11	FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
5	DF	Joachim Fritzsche					13	FW	Peter Ollerton				
6	MF	Rüdiger Schnuphase					14	FW	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				
9	FW	Peter Dücke					15	DF	Harry Williams				
10	FW	Hans-Jürgen Kreische					16	DF	Ivo Rudic				
13	MF	Reinhard Lauck					17	MF	David "Dave" Harding				
17	MF	Erich Hamann					18	DF	John Watkiss				
19	MF	Wolfgang Seguin					19	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell				
21	GK	Wolfgang Blochwitz					21	GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				
22	GK	Werner Friese					22	GK	Allan Maher				
Team Coach		Georg Buschnar					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Assistant Coach		Les Scheinflug				
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Youssoupha N'Diaye (Senegal)											
Assistant Referee		Pablo Sanchez Ibanez (Spain)											
Assistant Referee		Omar Delgado (Colombia)											

match report from The Sun-Herald, 16/6/1974, page 43 by Brian Mossop.

Beaten but not disgraced. That's how the Australian Soccer team emerged from their first appearance in the 1974 World Cup finals yesterday.

East Germany won the match 2-0 but the fighting spirit of the Australian team, gallant in defeat, won the hearts of the disappointing 17,000 crowd who turned up at the 60,500-capacity Volkspark Stadion.

The Australians produced a display of courage rivalled only by their performance in downing Uruguay on the Sydney Cricket Ground two months ago,

It was a complete reversal of the form shown on the five-match warm-up tour, and emphasised the fact that Australia saves the best performances for the biggest occasions.

Led magnificently by skipper Peter Wilson, Australia ran, attacked and played with superb discipline, and it was only in the final 20 minutes, when physical condition told, that the East Germans were able to take charge of the game.

Australia's solid defence had held the Germans out until the 57th minute when fullback Col Curran had the misfortune to slam the ball into his own net.

Thirtenn minutes later, Joachim Streich rammed home goal number two to virtually seal the result.

Streich, rated one of the biggest dangers of the East German team, had been kept quiet by the forceful marking of rugged Manfred Schaefer, with his goal his only distinguishing Factor of the match.

Australian coach Rale Rasic showed his disappointment by hitting out at the refereeing of Senegal Whistler N'Giaye.

"The referee never did anything right," Rasic told the after-match press conference.

"Not once in the 90 minutes did the East Germans make a clean tackle."

In fact referee N'Giaye handed out three cautions during a hard and sometimes rugged game - all of them to East German players.

Spearheaded by the midfield probings of Juergen Prommerenke and Juergen Sparwasser and the dash of Eberhard Vogel on the left wing, the East Germans carried the attack persistently to the Australian goal.

But despite the pressure the Australian defence stood firm throughout a goal-less first half.

The performance against East Germany proved that Australian Soccer is not as far behind European standards as we are led to believe.

Forwards Adrian Alston and Branko Buljevic, defenders Wilson and Schaefer and midfielders Jimmy Mackay and Jimmy Rooney all showed skills to compare favourably with many of the leading European players.

The East Germans, despite the numerous probes deep into Australian territory, were unable to provide the finishing touch until Streich's goal.

With Wilson winning almost every ball in the air and Schaefer able to dominate the low balls with long clearances, Australia's line looked safe.

Alston and Buljevic, the two frontruners in Australia's defensive line-up, had a difficult role to fulfil and handled it to perfection.

Time and again they clung to the ball with two or three defenders milling around them as they waited for support to move up.

But when it did the East Germans were at their most dangerous in regaining possession and streaking away as the Australians had to scamper back to cover.

Basic's psychological ploy in conceding superiority to East Germany before the game almost paid dividends.

Finding the Australian defence a tough nut to crack, the East German players showed their frustration in hard tackling and indecision around the goalmouth.

Their first real shot of the game came after half an hour when Sparwasser sent the ball high over the bar.

Right on half time East Germany gave Australia a fright by almost scoring from a goalmouth tangle, but the ball finally deflected clear off goalkeeper Jack Reilly's boot.

Moving the ball about, the East Germans pinned Australia inside their own half for much of the match, but had to scramble back several times as Rooney and Buljevic worked down the left wing.

Curran, too, was coming intelligently into the attack, and he was often to be found in position for the final crack at goal which never came.

It was ironical that it should be Curran who netted the first goal for East Germany.

The mishap occurred when Vogel, challenged by Reilly, slipped the ball past him towards the goal.

Curran came racing in with no one near him, and in attempting to loft the ball clear, rammed it into the net.

Midway through the first half Curran was heavily felled in a tackle by Sparwasser, and immediate fears as he lay on the ground writhing in agony were that he had again damaged his left knee.

Relief flowed through the Australian camp as he got to his feet with stretcher bearers hovering near the sideline.

Vogel, always dangerous, had a hand in the second goal as well.

He sent a cross curling in from the left wing, and as Wilson lay sprawled on the turf after narrowly failing to intercept with a flying header, Streich steered his shot home.

The goal put new life into the East Germans, and as the Australians began to wilt, they mounted a continual attacking wave.

West Germany, in their match, shrugged off the ruthless defensive tactics of Chile, who had a man sent off, to win 1-0.

The only score in the match was initiated by Uli Hoeness who sent Paul Breitner down the left flank for a rising shot which scraped past goalkeeper Vallejoss into the top left-hand corner of the net.

In the other match, Peter Lorimer and Joe Jordan, both from English club Leeds United, slammed first-half goals in for Scotland to beat Zaire, whose goalkeeper, Muamba Kazidi, lived up to his reputation as the best in Africa.

The World Cup finals are only two days old and already 10 players have been booked and one sent off after just four matches.

East Germany 2 (C.Curran og, J.Streich) beat Australia 0. Crowd: 17,000.

Australia: Reilly, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Curran, Richards, Mackay, Rooney, Warren, Alston, Buljevic.

World Cup finals, Group 1													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. June 1974, 16.00			Volksparkstadion, Hamburg, West Germany									53300	
West Germany..3 v. Australia..0													
half time, West Germany..2 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Josef "Sepp" Maier					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
2	DF	Hans-Hubert "Berti" Vogts					2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
4	DF	Hans-Georg "Katsche" Schwarzenbeck					3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
5	DF	Franz Beckenbauer (c)					4	DF	Manfred Schaefer				
3	DF	Paul Breitner					5	DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
14	MF	Uli Hoeneß					6	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
8	MF	Bernhard "Bernd" Cullmann	34			67	7	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
12	MF	Wolfgang Overath	13				8	MF	James "Jim" Mackay		X		
9	FW	Jürgen Grabowski					19	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell				45
13	FW	Gerhard "Gerd" Müller	53				12	FW	Adrian Alston				
11	FW	Josef "Jupp" Heynckes				45	20	FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				61
SUBSTITUTES													
6	MF	Horst-Dieter Höttges					9	MF	John Warren				
7	FW	Herbert "Hacki" Wimmer				67	10	FW	Gary Manuel				
10	FW	Günter Netzer					11	FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				45
15	MF	Heinz "Flocke" Flohe					13	FW	Peter Ollerton				61
16	MF	Rainer Bonhof					14	FW	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				
17	MF	Bernd Hölzenbein				45	15	DF	Harry Williams				
18	FW	Dieter Herzog					16	DF	Ivo Rudic				
19	DF	Hans-Josef "Jupp" Kappellmann					17	MF	David "Dave" Harding				
20	DF	Helmut Kremers					18	DF	John Watkiss				
21	GK	Norbert Nigbur					21	GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				
22	GK	Wolfgang Kieff					22	GK	Allan Maher				
Team Coach		Helmut Schön					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Mostafa Kamil (Egypt)											
Assistant Referee		Alfonso Gonzalez Archundia (Mexico)											
Assistant Referee		Edison A. Perez Nunez (Peru)											

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 20/6/1974, page 17 by Brian Mossop.
"The Australians are not yet in world class but they have proved they can play good football."

The well intended and well received tribute came from West German coach Helmut Schoen whose team of World Cup favourites beat Australia 3-0 at the Volksparkstadion yesterday.

To write after two losses that Australia have performed with distinction in their first foray into the harsh jungle that is world class football seems a compromise of values.

Yet the fact remains that the Australian Soccer team have won over hard bitten critics who have scorned their presence in the 1974 Cup finals with their refusal to acknowledge that they faced impossible odds.

With only an ounce of luck Australia could even have snatched a goal in a strong finish which saw a shot from substitute forward Atti Abonyi beat goalkeeper Sepp Maier only to hit the upright.

Face to face with some of the revered names of world Soccer - Gerd Muller, Franz Beckenbauer, Berti Vogts and Wolfgang Overath to name but four - the Australians could have been excused had they been overawed.

And when Overath, whose towering prominence in the game turned the initial jeers of the crowds into a roar of delight, sent a long searing drive into the back of the net in the 12th minute, the Australians must have believed every word.

It took a Bernd Cullmann header from a cross by Hoeneß in the 35th minute to send West Germany into the break with a two-goal lead and Muller, stifled for much of the game by Manfred Schaefer, made it 3-0 when he squeezed a back header past the far upright early in the 53rd minute.

But the Australians, far from throwing in the towel, opened up in the second half on instructions from Rale Rasic with a gritty fightback which broke up the West German rhythm and enabled them to create several chances of their own.

Adrian Alston, maintaining the outstanding form which has marked his two cup appearances, broke through on more than occasion - something few forwards in Europe have been able to do.

World Cup finals, Group 1													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
22nd. June 1974, 16.00			Olympiastadion, West Berlin, West Germany			Heavy rain					17400		
Chile..0 v. Australia..0													
half time, Chile..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Leopoldo Vallejos Bravo					1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
2	DF	Rolando García Jiménez					2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
3	DF	Alberto Quintano Ralph					3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
5	DF	Eliás Figueroa Brander					4	DF	Manfred Schaefer				
4	DF	Antonio Arias Mujica					5	DF	Colin "Col" Curran				83
16	MF	Guillermo Pérez Cepeda					6	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards		37, 79	83	
10	MF	Carlos Reinoso Valdenegro					8	MF	James "Jim" Mackay				
8	MF	Francisco Valdés Muñoz (c)				55	7	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
7	FW	Carlos Caszely Garrido					11	FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
9	FW	Sergio Ahumada Bacho					12	FW	Adrian Alston				65
11	FW	Leonardo Véliz Díaz				72	20	FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic				
SUBSTITUTES													
6	DF	Juan Rodríguez Vega					9	MF	John Warren				
12	DF	Juan Machuca Valdés					10	FW	Gary Manuel				
13	MF	Rafael González Córdova					13	FW	Peter Ollerton				65
14	MF	Alfonso Lara Madrid					14	FW	Maxwell "Max" Tolson				
15	DF	Mario Galindo Calixto					15	DF	Harry Williams				83
17	FW	Guillermo Yávar Romo				72	16	DF	Ivo Rudic				
18	MF	Jorge Socias Tusset					17	MF	David "Dave" Harding				
19	MF	Rogelio Fariás Salvador				55	18	DF	John Watkiss				
20	FW	Oswaldo Castro Pelayos					19	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell				
21	GK	Juan Olivares Marambio					21	GK	Dragoljub "Jim" Milisavljevic				
22	GK	Adolfo Nef Sanhueza					22	GK	Allan Maher				
Team Coach		Luis "El Zorro" Alamos Luque					Team Coach		Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Jafar Namdar (Iran)											
Assistant Referee		Vital Loraux (Belgium)											
Assistant Referee		Arie van Gemert (Netherlands)											

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 24/6/1974, page 13 by Brian Mossop

The Australian Soccer team leave for home tomorrow with heads-held high after their third fighting performance of the 1974 World Cup finals in a sensational match against Chile at the Olympic Stadium here yesterday.

Fittingly it was skipper Peter Wilson who ensured Australia a prestigious point from a scoreless game which saw an invasion of the pitch by flag-bearing German students and the dismissal of midfielder Ray Richards.

Playing with only 10 men for the last six minutes after referee Jafar Namdar, of Iran, had ordered Richards off, Australia seemed headed for their third defeat as replacement Chilean winger Guillermo Yavar swooped on a fumble by goalkeeper Jack Reilly in the dying seconds.

Yavar's shot flew straight towards the empty goal, but Wilson appeared out of thin air to head it clear and save the match.

A crowd of 16,830, huddled under the two gigantic transparent roofs of the stadium to escape the pouring rain, watched the game spring into action after a lifeless first half.

Delayed five minutes by the deluge which left the pitch a mass of puddles, the second half had only just begun when 10 young students leaped the fence and ran into the centre of the field holding a large Chilean flag bearing the words "Chile Socialista."

The first pitch invasion of the security-conscious West German finals, it brought hordes of armed police steaming into the arena to clamp the demonstrators under arrest and march them swiftly from the field.

There was more drama to come with Richards' dismissal in the 84th minute.

Full-back Col Curran lay injured on the side of the field and referee Namadar awarded a free kick to Chile following a foul by Manfred Schaefer.

With the Australians getting ready to form a defensive wall Namadar, who had already cautioned Richards twice in the match, raced to the side to confer with linesman Vital Loureaux of Belgium.

Clutching a red dismissal card in his hand, Namdar ran another few yards to allow Harry Williams to come on as Curran's replacement, then sprinted over to wave the red card at Richards.

Cautioned once in the first half, Richards should have been sent off when he received his second yellow card, and Namdar's decision four minutes late could only have been a correction of his earlier oversight.

If there was any joy at Australia's first point in the World Cup finals, it was tempered by the injury to Curran, finally carried from the field on a stretcher.

The 26-year-old Western Suburbs full-back, who made a startling recovery to take his place in the World Cup, has again damaged the left knee ligaments which had threatened to sideline him, after being injured against Indonesia on the pre-Cup warm-up tour.

Curran was in a great deal of pain and unable to walk today, and must be in grave doubt for the remainder of the Sydney competition.
Despite yesterday's result, the Australian display was the most disappointing of the three group one games they have played in West Germany.
Chile had to win the game to retain any hope of reaching the second round, although with East Germany's surprise 1-0 win over West Germany in Hamburg a few hours later, even victory would have kept Chile out.
But the Chileans showed very early in the match that they had no intention of abandoning their normally defensive style in favour of one which could net them goals.
Despite the clamourings of European clubs for the services of striker Alston, it is Wilson who has emerged from this World Cup series as the towering figure of Australian Soccer.
His leadership and impeccable defence have hepled steer Australia out of troubled waters against some of the toughest teams in the world.
AUSTRALIA: Reilly; Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Curran (Williams 84); Richards, Rooney, Mackay, Abonyi; Alston (Ollerton 65), Buljevic.
AUSTRALIA 0 drew with CHILE 0. Crowd; 16830.

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Legia Warsaw is the most successful Polish football club in history.

It was formed in March 1916 during military operations in World War I on the Eastern Front as the main football club of the Polish Legions, with the name Drużyna Sportowa Legia (Sport Team Legia).

After the war, the club was reactivated on 14th March 1920 as Wojskowy Klub Sportowy Warszawa and then renamed Legia in 1923 after a merger with another local club, Korona.

It became the main official football club of the Polish Army - Wojskowy Klub Sportowy Legia Warszawa (Military Sports Club Legia Warsaw).

From 1949 to 1957, Legia was known as CWKS Warszawa (Central Military Sports Club Warsaw).

The club won the Ekstaklasa (Liga Piłki Nożnej) in 1955, 1956, 1968-69, and 1969-70, and, the Polish Cup in 1954-55, 1955-56, 1963-64, and 1965-66.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
2nd. February 1975, 18.30			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									14850	
Australia..2 v. Legia Warszawa (Poland)..2													
half time, Australia..2 v. Legia Warszawa..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Piotr Mowlik				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Adam Topolski				57
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Krzysztof Krajewski				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Jerzy Jagiełło				
	MF	Colin "Col" Curran						DF	Waldemar Tumiński				70
	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards						MF	Tadeusz Nowak				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney	22					MF	Lesław Ćmikiewicz				
	MF	James "Jim" Mackay				73		MF	Kazimierz Deyna				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell						FW	Tadeusz Cypka				
	FW	Gary Manuel				66		FW	Stefan Białas				
	FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	27					FW	Władysław Dąbrowski	41, 87			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Brendan Grosse				73		FW	Jan Pieszko				57
		Michael "Mike" Micevski				66		FW	Bogdan Kwapisz				70
Team Coach		Eric Worthington					Team Coach		Jaroslav Vejvoda				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 3/2/1975, page 13

Australia's first thrust into an open style of Soccer resulted in a 2-2 draw with famed Polish side Legia Warsaw at the Sports Ground last night.

An enthusiastic crowd of 16,000 saw the Australians race to a 2-0 lead but the Poles drew level with goals at the end of each half by the quick-silver Władysław Dąbrowski.

Australia's opening goal came from Jimmy Rooney after 22 minutes when he followed up a long throw from veteran Ray Richards.

Legia goalkeeper Piotr Mowlik made a tentative poke at the ball and Rooney came steaming through to score.

Five minutes later, Gary Manuel snapped the ball home after Branko Buljević flashed past two Legia defenders to finish off inspired build-up by Doug Utješeniović, Col Curran and Ernie Campbell.

Campbell and Curran were outstanding for Australia and the former staked his claim for a striker role in the build-up for the World Cup in Argentina in 1978.

Australia had many chances to seal the game as the Poles surrendered territorial advantage in the first half.

And there is no doubt that if Australia had used the defensive net built by former national coach Rale Rasic, the Poles would have struggled to get back in the game.

Skipper Peter Wilson was badly out of position when Dąbrowski spooned a right shot past Australia's impressive new goalkeeper Allan Maher four minutes before the end of the first half.

Australia's work rate dropped alarmingly for 20 minutes of the second half and the alert Dąbrowski boke away to slot in the equaliser in the final stages.

On the hight's display it was too early to gauge the value of Australia's new buccaneering pattern of attacking soccer.

But coach-manager Eric Worthington said: "This is the sort of game that the players and crowd will enjoy."

"As it is, we failed to take many chances but the forwards will become more arrogant and make time to strike the ball instead of swiping at it."

"We will create positive and not negative play."

The magic of Poland's captain Kazimierz Deyna did not appear until the second half, but he did enough to justify his big reputation.

Allan Maher staked an undeniable claim as number one goalkeeper and the other newcomer, Colin Bennett did well enough in his task of clamping down on the elusive Tadeusz Nowak.

Only in the play that led to Legia's first goal was he guilty of ballwatching.

The teams meet again in Brisbane on Wednesday night and Legia then go on to perth for the final game against Western Australia on Sunday.

AUSTRALIA 2 (J.Rooney, G.Manuel) drew with LEGIA WARSAW 2 (W.Dąbrowski 2).

Crowd: 16,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
5th. February 1975,			Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland									8000	
Australia..1 v. Legia Warszawa (Poland)..2													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Piotr Mowlik				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Jerzy Jagiełło				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Waldemar Tumiński				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						FW	Tadeusz Cypka				
	MF	Colin "Col" Curran						FW	Jan Pieszko				
	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards						FW	Stefan Białas	75			
	FW	James "Jim" Rooney	X			66		MF	Tadeusz Nowak				
	MF	James "Jim" Mackay						MF	Lesław Ćmikiewicz				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell						FW	Bogdan Kwapisz				
	FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic						MF	Kazimierz Deyna				
		Michael "Mike" Micevski						FW	Władysław Dąbrowski	83			
SUBSTITUTES													
		William "Willy" McGrotty				66							
Team Coach		Eric Worthington					Team Coach		Jaroslav Vejvoda				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Des Miles											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Legia Warszawa also had the following challenge matches.

25th.January 1975 Victoria..1 v. Legia Warszawa..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..13,121

29th.January 1975 South Australia..2 v. Legia Warszawa..1 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..9,000

9th.February 1975 Western Australia..2 v. Legia Warszawa..1 at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia Attendance..9,000

<i>Date & Time</i> 5th. June 1975,		<i>Venue</i> <i>Englefield Stadium, Dural, New South Wales</i>						<i>Weather</i>		<i>Temperature</i>		<i>Attendance</i>	
Australia 'A'..1 v. Australia 'B'..1													
<i>half time,</i>													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		SUBSTITUTES											
Team Coach	Tony Boggi						Team Coach	Eric Worthington					
Team Manager							Assistant Coach	John Warren					
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Australia "A" squad included:-

Goalkeepers - John "Jack" Reilly, Allan Maher.

Defenders - George Harris, Dragan "Doug" Utješanović, Harry Williams, Peter Wilson, Colin Bennett.

Midfield - James Rooney, Raymond Richards, David "Dave" Harding, Terry Butler, Brendan Grosse.

Forwards - Peter Ollerton, Atilla Abonyi, William "Ernie" Campbell.

The Australia "B" squad was those selected for the 6th Djakarta Anniversary Cup:-

Goalkeepers - Jimmy Milisavljevic, Todd Clark.

Defenders - John Russell (c), Fausto Tarquino, David Jones, Savro Iozelli, Ian Lawrie.

Midfield - Gary Byrne, Agenor Miniz, Gary Marocchi, Henry Kolecki.

Forwards - Nevill Morgan, John Nyskohus, Alexander "John" Kosmina, Duncan Cummings, Gary Cole, Steve Dolan.

Rangers Football Club is a Scottish professional football club based in the Govan district of Glasgow, and although not its official name, it is often referred to as Glasgow Rangers outside the United Kingdom.

The fourth-oldest football club in Scotland, Rangers was founded in March 1872.

By 1877 Rangers reached the Scottish Cup Final for the first time, after receiving a bye in the semi-final. The cup was awarded to Vale of Leven after a second replay on 13th April 1877.

Rangers went on to win the Cup on 19 occasions:- 1893-94, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1902-03, 1927-28, 1929-30, 1932-32, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1952-53, 1959-60, 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1965-66, and 1972-73.

Rangers were even more successful in the Scottish League after being joint champions with Dumbarton for the 1890-91 season.

They have won the Scottish League Cup seven times since 1946-47.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. June 1975, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									31847	
Australian XI..1 v. Rangers (Scotland)..2													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. Rangers..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	John "Jack" Reilly					1	GK	Peter McCloy				
2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					3	DF	John Grieg (c)				
3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					5	DF	Colin Jackson				
4	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					11	FW	Derek Johnstone				
5	DF	Harry Williams					14	DF	Alex Miller				
6	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards					4	FW	Colin Stein				
7	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					8	MF	Robert McKean				
8	MF	David "Dave" Harding	82(pk)				12	MF	Quinton Young				
10	FW	Terry Butler				59	7	FW	Thomas "Tommy" McLean				
9	FW	Peter Ollerton					9	FW	Derek Parlane	40, 67			
12	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell					15	FW	Graham Fyfe				
SUBSTITUTES													
11		Michael "Mike" Micevski				59	6	DF	Thomas "Tom" Forsyth				
13		Brendan Grosse					17	FW	Martin Henderson				
14		George Harris					16	DF	Alistair "Ally" Dawson				
20	GK	Allan Maher					18	GK	Stewart Kennedy				
Team Coach						Tony Boggi		Team Coach		Jock Wallace			
								Team Trainer					
Team Manager								Team Manager					
Referee						Peter Rampley							
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 9/6/1975, page 11 by Brian Mossop

Australia started on the rocky road to the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina at the SCG yesterday and found the opening ceremony littered with Scotsmen.

They came in the form of Scottish League champions Glasgow Rangers and left with a 2-1 win over a far from disgraced Australian XI.

A tough, professional outfit, Rangers gained the upper hand with two goals by their international striker Derek Parlane.

But a controversial penalty eight minutes from the end enabled Dave Harding to ram the ball home to lesson the blow for the Australians.

Referee Peter Rampley awarded the penalty spot kick after Ernie Campbell had been pushed in the back by Derek Johnstone as the players watched a high cross float harmlessly over their heads.

Rampley remained unmoved by the heated potest which followed.

Goalkeeper Peter McCloy parried the initial shot but Harding followed through to slam the ball into the top of the net.

Morally, Australia should have remained goalless.

But Rangers' manager Jock Wallace, refusing to be drawn into comment on the refereeing, paid tribute to the untiring efforts of the Australians.

"They didn't surprise me . . . they were very good. That team could play in the Scottish first division," Wallace said.

In fact, the Australians made much of the play against their vaunted rivals. Their downfall, as is so often the case, was their lack of finish in front of goal.

Strangely, even a World Cup finals appearance has failed to eradicate the inferiority complex felt by Australia when faced with top club or international sides.

Peter Ollerton and Campbell were the only front-runners, the thrusts into Rangers territory relied upon by breaks from behind.

The breaks did come, thanks largely to big-game Ray Richards, Harding, Jimmy Rooney and bustling Terry Butler in midfield and the flying breaks of left full-back Harry Williams.

Williams gave the Australians an early respite when he cleared a Jackson header off the line and he was on hand again later when parlane shot after thankfully receiving a lazy pass back from Doug Utjesenovic.

Ollerton's dangerous heading and a sizzling Harding shot kept the lanky McCloy busy.

Parlane put Rangers one up shottly before the break when he rose high to head home a cross from Bobby McKean and he slid home goal number two after fine lead-up work by Tommy McLean and Quinton Young.

The Australians piled on the pressure after Harding had pegged back a goal with his penalty and while the last 10 minutes were the most exciting, they had left their run too late.

Tony Boggi, Australia's caretaker coach, was pleased with the efforts of his side, especially in the first half.
And he was confident enough to predict a turning of the tables when the teams meet in the return match in Brisbane on Wednesday night.
GLASGOW RANGERS 2 (D.Parlane) bt AUSTRALIAN XI 1 (D.Harding). Crowd: 31,847.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. June 1975,			Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland				Rain					5000	
Australian XI..1 v. Rangers (Scotland)..0													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Rangers..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher					GK	Peter McCloy					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					DF	Alex Miller					
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					DF	Colin Jackson					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					DF	Derek Johnstone					
	DF	Harry Williams					DF	John Grieg (c)					
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					MF	Robert McKean					
	MF	David "Dave" Harding					MF	Colin Stein					
	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards					FW	Quinton Young					
	FW	Michael "Mike" Micevski				X	FW	Tommy McLean					
	FW	Peter Ollerton	9				FW	Derek Parlane					
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell					FW	Graham Fyfe					
SUBSTITUTES													
		Brendan Grosse				X		Martin Henderson					X
Team Coach		Tony Boggi					Team Coach		Jock Wallace				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Des Miles											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Rangers also had the following challenge matches.

15th.June 1975 Victoria..1 v. Rangers..5 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..17,900

18th.June 1975 South Australia..1 v. Rangers..2 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia

22nd.June 1975 Western Australia..2 v. Rangers..1 at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia Attendance..9,000

The All Indonesian Football Federation invited Australia to send a team to participate in the 6th Djakarta Anniversary Cup Tournament. Whilst airfares and accommodation costs were met by the host nation, there were considerable expenses incurred by the Australian Soccer Federation in preparing the team, paying allowances, and many other general expenses, but it was felt that the ASF should continue to enjoy close ties with the Indonesian Federation, and at the same time, it was decided to select a team which was virtually an Under 23 team, thus giving the Manager/Coach, Eric Worthington, a further opportunity to assess the potential of the many inexperienced players who were included in the Squad.

Squad was:- T.Clarke, J.Milisavljevic, S.Iozzelli, J.Russell (capt.), D.Jones, I.Lawrie, F.Tarquino, G.Marocchi, A.Muniz, G.Byrne, H.Kolecki, S.Dolan, J.Nyskohus, G.Cole, N.Morgan, D.Cummings, A.Kosmina.

6th Jakarta Anniversary Cup Tournament													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. June 1975,			Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia									25000	
Korea Republic (South Korea)..1 v. Australia..1													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Todd Clarke				
								DF	Savro Iozelli				X
								DF	John Russell (c)				
								DF	David Jones				
								DF	Fausto Tarquino	73			
		Kim Jim Kook	33					MF	Gary Marocchi				
								MF	Agenor Muniz				
								MF	Gary Byrne				
								FW	John Nyskohus				
								FW	Gary Cole				
								FW	Neville Morgan				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Ian Lawrie				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Eric Worthington				
							Assistant Coach		John Warren				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Some sources have the Korean scorer as Lee Young-moo.

6th Jakarta Anniversary Cup Tournament													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. June 1975,			Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia				Humid					75000	
Burma..2 v. Australia..1													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Todd Clarke				
								DF	Ian Lawrie				
								DF	John Russell (c)				
								DF	David Jones				
								DF	Fausto Tarquino				X
								MF	Gary Byrne				
								MF	Agenor Muniz				
			60					MF	Henry Kolecki				
			65					FW	Duncan Cummings				
								FW	Gary Cole				
								FW	Neville Morgan	10			
SUBSTITUTES													
								MF	Steve Dolan				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Eric Worthington				
							Assistant Coach		John Warren				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 16/6/1975, page 21

Australia were beaten 2-1 by Burma in the anniversary Soccer tournament here last night and are out of contention for the semi-finals.

Team manager Eric Worthington described the match as an epic of missed chances.

Australia, confident of success, jumped into the lead when St. George's Neville Morgan netted after 10 minutes.

Poor finishing allowed Burma to stay in the game and they hit the front with goals in the 60th and 65th minutes.

Assistant coach Johnny Warren counted 23 goal shooting opportunities for Australia, compared with Burma's eight.

But Worthington was again pleased with Brazilian-born winger Agenor Muniz and 17-year-old Melbourne player Duncan Cummings, whom he believes could develop into a toplineer.

Australia's goal-scorer in the draw with South Korea, Fausto Tarquinio, was injured and replaced during the second half.

The team leaves Jakarta tonight and is due to arrive in Sydney tomorrow morning.

Manchester United F.C. is a professional football club based in Old Trafford, Greater Manchester, England. The club was founded as Newton Heath LYR (Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway) Football Club in 1878. By 1888, the club had become a founding member of The Combination (a regional football league that was dissolved after only one season). Newton Heath joined the newly formed Football Alliance, which ran for three seasons before being merged with the Football League. The club started the 1892-93 season in the First Division by which time it dropped the "LYR" from its name. After two seasons the club was relegated to the Second Division. In January 1902 the club was served with a winding-up order. Interested investors were found and subsequently, on 24th April 1902, they changed the club's name to Manchester United. In 1906 they finished as Second Division runners-up in 1906 and secured promotion to the First Division, and they won the club's first league title in 1908. Manchester United has also won the Football League First Division in 1910-11, 1951-52, 1955-56, 1956-57, 1964-65, and 1966-67. They were FA Cup winners in 1908-09, 1947-48, and 1962-63. They were FA Charity Shield winners in 1908, 1911, 1952, 1956, 1957 and joint holders in 1965, and 1967. They won the European Cup in 1967-68.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. June 1975, 20.30			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									12732	
Australian XI..0 v. Manchester United (England)..4													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. Manchester United..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher					GK	Alexander "Alex" Stepney					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					DF	Alexander "Alex" Forsyth					
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					DF	James "Jim" Holton					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					DF	Martin Buchan					
	DF	Harry Williams					DF	Stewart Houston					
	MF	Raymond "Ray" Richards					MF	Brian Greenhoff (c)					X
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					MF	Samuel "Sammy" Mc I roy	X				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding					MF	Luigi "Lou" Macari	27				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell					FW	Stephen "Steve" Coppell					
	FW	Peter Ollerton					FW	Stuart Pearson	X				
	FW	Michael "Mike" Micevski				X	FW	Gerard "Gerry" Daly	X				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Brendan Grosse				X		Peter Loughnane					X
Team Coach		Tony Boggi					Team Coach		Tommy Docherty				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Peter Rampley											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 19/6/1975, page 17 by Brian Mossop
An Australian XI, cock-a-hoop after their defeat of Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers a week ago, came to earth with a thud when they were outclassed and overwhelmed by Manchester United at the Sports Ground last night.
A crowd of 12,732 watched the Reds display the form which won them the English second division championship as they methodically dissected Australia's "strength" - the defence - to hand out a 4-0 drubbing. Tommy Docherty, United's effusive manager, was a model of politeness in stating; "I was expecting a little more from the Australians."
The comment left unsaid the thought that in the 10 years since he last visited here as Chelsea manager, and despite an appearance in the World Cup finals, there has been little change in Australia's football standards.
In defence of the Australians it has to be said that most of their part-time players were backing up for their fifth game in 10 days.
Even for hardened professionals it was a tough assignment. But coach Tony Boggi was loathe to offer excuses.
"They killed us. They were just too fast," Boggi said.
Crucified would have been more apt. Allowing the Australians their only real chances in the opening minutes, the red-shirted English team drew out the slaughter with two goals in each half in a dazzling, running display.
And shining like a beacon was mercurial Lou Macari, directing operations from the midfield with the practised ease of a Manchester bobby on point duty.
Mistakes became commonplace in the rattled Australian defence and Macari, Gerry Daly, Sammy McIlroy and Stuart Pearson were there to extract the penalty with scorching goals which even a classy display by goalkeeper Allan Maher could not prevent.
The Australians had their chances, momentarily catching solid pair Martin Buchan and Jim Holton off their guard to allow shots by Dave Harding and Ray Richards.
MANCHESTER UNITED 4 (Macari, McIlroy, Daly, Pearson) b AUSTRALIAN XI 0, Crowd: 12,732.

Manchester United also had the following challenge matches.
15th.June 1975 Western Australia..1 v. Manchester United..3 at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia Attendance..14,000
22nd.June 1975 Queensland..0 v. Manchester United..3 at Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland Attendance..8,000

<i>Date & Time</i> 5th. August 1975,			<i>Venue</i> <i>Middle Park, Melbourne, Victoria</i>				<i>Weather</i>			<i>Temperature</i>		<i>Attendance</i>	
Victoria U-16..? v. Australian XI..?													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
SUBSTITUTES													
<i>Team Coach</i>							<i>Team Coach</i>						
<i>Team Manager</i>							<i>Team Manager</i>						
<i>Referee</i>													
<i>Linesman</i>													
<i>Linesman</i>													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
6th. August 1975, 20.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									6000	
Australia..1 v. People's Republic of China..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. People's Republic of China..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke					15	GK	Li Fusheng				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					2		Zhang Chunsheng				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					4		Chen Yiming				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					5		Yang Anli				
	DF	Harry Williams							Cao Kaijun				
	MF	Agenor Muniz					12		Liu Zhicai				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					14		Zhang Qun				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding				67	10		Zhang Zongben				
	FW	Renato "Rene" Colusso					6		Wang Xiaohē				
	FW	Murray Barnes							Lǐ Zhōngcái				
	FW	Michael "Mike" Micevski				61			Wang Zhongchun				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Duncan Cummings	62			61							
		Gary Byrne				67							
Team Coach		Tony Boggi					Team Coach		Chou Hsing				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Stuart Mellings											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 7/8/1975, page 25

Seventeen-year-old Melbourne soccer striker Duncan Cummings gave Australia a 1-0 win over China at Olympic Park last night by scoring only two minutes after coming onto the field.

Cummings replaced Mike Micevski in the 60th minute and scored the goal with his first kick.

Australia had many more scoring chances, and its performance was generally unimpressive.

China, which had managed only 1-1 with Queensland and 2-1 against Tasmania, should have been easy pickings for the Australians.

China played unimaginative soccer, defending en masse and counter-attacking when it had the chance.

Instead of trying to lure the defenders out and play down the wings to create openings, Australia either shot from too far out, or tried to come through the middle with short passes.

Of the new players being tried out in the National team, only midfielder Agenor Muniz and forward Renato Calusso made any impression.

Cummings showed a few fine touches but he was not on the field long enough to show all his wares.

Right back Doug Utjesenovic, one of the old guard who represented in the last World Cup was Australia's best player.

China showed the sportsmanship it is renowned for with seven of the tourists crowding around to assist Muniz when he was hurt in a tackle.

People's Republic of China also had the following challenge matches.

1st.August 1975 Queensland..1 v. People's Republic of China..5 at Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland

3rd.August 1975 Tasmania..1 v. People's Republic of China..2 at Royal Hobart Showgrounds, Hobart, Tasmania Attendance..2,500

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. August 1975, 20.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									12164	
Australian XI..2 v. S.L. Benfica (Portugal)..2													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke					GK	Manuel Galrinho Bento					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenić					DF	Artur Manuel Soares Correia					
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					DF	Messias Júlio Timula					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					DF	Eurico Monteiro Gomes					
	DF	Harry Williams					DF	António Monteiro Teixeira de Barros					
	MF	Agenor Muniz					MF	Vitor Manuel Rosa Martins					
	MF	Gary Byrne				X	MF	António José da Conceição Oliveira "Toni"					
	MF	David "Dave" Harding					MF	Shéu Han					
	FW	Duncan Cummings				76	MF	Mário Jorge Moinhos Matos "Moinhos"					
	FW	Peter Ollerton					MF	Vitor Manuel Ferreira Baptista	X				
	FW	Branislav "Branko" Buljevic	X, X				FW	Tamagnini Manuel Gomes Batista "Nené"	X				
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Russell				X							
		Rene Colusso				76							
Team Coach		Tony Boggi					Team Coach		Mario Wilson				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 21/8/1975, page 17 by Brian Mossop.

An Australian Soccer XI lit a lamp of hope for the future by forcing Portuguese champions Benfica to stretch hard for a 2-2 draw at the Sports Ground last night.

Twice Victorian combination Duncan Cummings and Branko Buljevic put the Australians ahead and twice Benfica managed to equalise - first through Nene and then through Batista.

But it was the Australian approach, so positive and direct, which lifted the pall of gloom which followed shoddy showings against England's Manchester United and China.

"The future is there," smiling Tony Boggi said after the game, which heralded his swansong as Australia's acting coach.

Indeed it looked so as the vigorous young Australian team took on their highly-regarded rivals with a new purpose, matching them in midfield and defence and showing a slickness too often missing in the forward line. Cummings, 17, Australia's youngest and newest international was replaced after 76 minutes. But by then the right winger had shown a maturity beyond his years as he twice rounded defenders to lay on copybook passes for Buljevic.

Buljevic, the World Cup winger reappearing in the national team for the first time since February, made no mistake with either as Australia pushed forward relentlessly.

Limited preparation and shortness of condition told on the Australians in the latter stages, but midfielder Agenor Muniz stood out with a wholehearted 90-minute effort. And skipper Peter Wilson was back to his reliable best.

AUSTRALIAN XI 2 (Buljevic 2) drew with BENFICA 2 (Nene, Batista) Crowd: 12,164.

Benfica also had the following challenge matches.

12th.August 1975 Victoria..1 v. S.L.Benfica..2 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..12,000

22nd.August 1975 Wollongong XI..0 v. S.L.Benfica..4 at Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, New South Wales Attendance..3,408

24th.August 1975 South Australia..0 v. S.L.Benfica..1 at Adelaide City Park, Adelaide, South Australia

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. November 1975,			Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia										
Western Australia..1 v. Australia 'B'..0													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		Tony Witschge											
		Sauro I ozzeli											
		Frank Bibby											
		Dave Jones											
		Robert "Bob" Taylor											
		Stephen "Steve" Sceats											
		Gary McCulloch											
		John Davidson											
		Nick MacCallum											
		Ken Morton											
		Dave O'Callaghan	X										
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Barry Harwood											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. November 1975,			Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia				Rain					4000	
Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke					GK	Nikolay Gontar					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					DF	Aleksandr Novikov					
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					DF	Sergei Nikulin					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					DF	Valeriy Zenkov					
	DF	Harry Williams					MF	Aleksandr Makhovikov					
	MF	Agenor Muniz					MF	Aleksei Petrushin					50
	MF	David "Dave" Harding					FW	Mikhail Gershkovich					
	MF	Gary Byrne					MF	Oleg Dolmatov					
	FW	Ray ɿ Iott					FW	Vladimir Gutzayev					
	FW	John Nyskohus					FW	Andrei Yakubik					60
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell					FW	Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin					65
SUBSTITUTES													
							DF	Aleksandr Damin					50
							MF	Manuchar Machaidze					60
							MF	David Kipiani					65
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Konstantin Beskov				
Team Manager							Team Manager		Aleksandr Sevidov				
Referee		Don Campbell											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Vladimir Pilgui is also shown as Vladimir Pilguy.

Vladimir Gutzayev is also shown as Gutsaev and Gutsayaev.

Yuriy Saukh is also shown as Yuri Saukh. Yuriy Gavrilov is also shown as Yuri Gavrilov.

Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin is also shown as Gennady, or, Gennadi Yevryuzhikhin.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature			Attendance	
20th. November 1975,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia											
South Australia..2 v. Australia 'B'..1														
half time,														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	J.Green						GK	Allan Maher					
		Barry Reynolds							George Harris					
		Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus							John Russell					
		Frank Lister							Jim Kondarios					
		Zoran Matić							Jim Tansey					
		John Perin							Bruno Sabidussi					
		David Leane				X			Gary Marocchi					
		John Kamleitner							Gary Cole					
		Alexander "John" Kosmina							Peter Ollerton					
		Henry Kolecki							Renato "Rene" Colusso					
		R.Polczek							Michael "Mike" Micevski					
SUBSTITUTES														
		Peter Kowalksi				X			Richard Bell					
		Vic Bozanic							Rodolfo Gnavi					
		Gary Dooley							Murray Barnes					
	GK	Wally Fedczyszyn												
Team Coach							Team Coach							
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee														
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from the 1976 South Australian Soccer Federation Yearbook, page 53

South Australia finished the very successful season with a well deserved victory over the Australian "B" team.

More so since two players, Todd Clarke and John Nyskohus were called upon to play for Australia that day against the U.S.S.R. National team.

S.A. were further weakened by two players who were unavailable through injuries, A.Sproates and Roger Romanowicz, but the team which represented S.A. put up a tremendous performance and played attacking and entertaining soccer.

S.A. were leading 2-0 at half-time and the end result was never in doubt although the "B" team pulled one goal back in the second half.

Perin and Leane were the goal scorers whilst P.Ollerton scored for Australia "B."

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. November 1975, 20.30			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia				Hot					8135	
Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..3													
half time, Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Nikolay Gontar				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Sergei Nikulin				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Aleksandr Damin				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						MF	Oleg Dolmatov				
	DF	Ernie Williams						DF	Valeriy Zenkov				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						DF	Aleksandr Novikov				
	MF	Agenor Muniz				X		DF	Aleksandr Makhovikov				
	MF	Gary Byrne						FW	Mikhail Gershkovich	57			
	FW	Ray ɿ Iott				X*		FW	Andrei Yakubik				
	FW	John Nyskohus						FW	Anatoliy Shepel	29			
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell						FW	Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin	39			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Rudolfo Anibal Gnavi				X		MF	Aleksei Petrushin				
		Murray Barnes				X*		FW	Vladimir Kozlov				
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Konstantin Beskov				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		B.Harwood											
Linesman		D.Grant											
Linesman		K.Stokes											

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. November 1975,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									14200	
Victoria..1 v. Australia 'B'..3													
half time, Victoria..0 v. Australia 'B'..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Laumets						GK	Allan Maher				
	DF	Michael "Mike" Pye						DF	George Harris				
	DF	Peter Vaughan						DF	Frank Lister				
	DF	Jim Kondarios						DF	John Russell				
	DF	Giovanni Batticciotto				81		MF	Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus				
	MF	Mirko "Steve" Rujevic						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				81
	MF	David Rigby				61		MF	Rodolfo Gnavi				
	MF	Jim Kriaris						MF	Henry Kolecki	63			
	FW	Mendo Ristovski				45		FW	Ray I Iott	85			
	FW	Graham French	65					FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
	FW	John Cain						FW	Michael "Mike" Micevski	61			
SUBSTITUTES													
	MF	Keith Adams				81			Renato Colusso				81
		Bruce Roberts				61							
		Gary Cole				45							
Team Coach		Manny Poulakakis					Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 24/11/1975, page 27

Footscray J.U.S.T. centre-back Jim Kondarios earned praise from national soccer team bosses Brian Green and Eric Worthington for his solid display at Olympic Park yesterday.

Kondarios was the star of the Victorian State team, in its 3-1 loss to Australia "B".

The match, a curtain-raiser to the Socceroos' clash with the Soviet Union, was intended to give coach Green the opportunity to assess Victorian players.

Green is in the process of building a national squad which, hopefully, will reach the 1978 World Cup finals.

Worthington, the national coaching director, who is assisting Green, said after yesterday's match:

"Kondarios was very good. It looks like we'll use him in the national squad."

Green was impressed by Mendo Ristovski, despite the J.U.S.T. forward failing to master the wet conditions.

"He's an involved little player," Green said.

Australia "B" 3 (Micevski 61st minute, Kolecki 63rd, Ilott 85th) Victoria 1 (French 65th).

Teams:-

AUSTRALIA "B": Maher; Harris, Lister, Russell; B.Nyskohus, Rooney (Colusso 81st), Gnavi, Kolecki; Ilott, Kosmina, Micevski.

VICTORIA: Laumets; Pye, Vaughan, Kondarios, Batticciotto (Adams); Rujevic, Rigby (Roberts 61st.), Kriaris; Ristovski (Cole half time), French, Cain.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. November 1975,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									14200	
Australia..1 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Nikolay Gontar				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Sergei Nikulin				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Aleksandr Novikov				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Valeriy Zenkov				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Aleksandr Makhovikov				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						DF	Aleksandr Damin				60
	MF	Agenor Muniz						FW	Mikhail Gershkovich				63
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Oleg Dolmatov				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell				X		FW	Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin				
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Andrei Yakubik	71			
	FW	Murray Barnes				84		FW	Anatoliy Shepel				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ray I lott				X		MF	Aleksei Petrushin				60
		John Nyskohus				84		FW	Vladimir Kozlov	78			63
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Konstantin Beskov				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Stuart Mellings											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 24/11/1975, page 27 by Laurie Schwab

Although it lost 1-2 to the USSR at Olympic Park yesterday, the Australian soccer team wasn't booed for a change.

Australia's switch in style from Rale Rasic's stonewalling to Brian Green's go-getting may not be complete enough to topple the Soviet Union, but it has gone a long way towards pacifying the Melbourne fans.

The Victorian public, long disgruntled because it believes there are not enough Victorians in the national team, obviously appreciated the verve, enthusiasm and aggression shown by the Socceroos.

The 16,000 spectators went to Olympic Park yesterday fearing the worst, as the USSR had beaten Australia 3-0 in Adelaide and, still travel-weary, had drawn 0-0 in Perth.

Yet, after 35 minutes, Australia was in the lead.

The goal came from a header by Ernie Campbell, after two lead-up headers by Peter Ollerton and Colin Bennett.

And the Socceroos stayed in front until 20 minutes from the end.

Green, the cocky Englishman who faced so much opposition when he replaced Rasic, was beaming in the dressing rooms after the match.

"I'm delighted," he said. "We did so bloody well today against a top-notch team - and we got a goal as well, which really lifted the lads."

He conceded that his midfield collapsed in the second half, but added: "They went to the limits of endurance, didn't they."

He was referring to linkmen Garry Byrne, Dave Harding and especially Agenor Muniz, the Afro-haired Brazilian who was the star of the first half.

Green also praised goalkeeper Todd Clarke, who made spectacular saves from three long-range Russian pile-drivers and a short-range header.

"Peter Wilson was again great in defence," Green said, "And the three frontrunners - Ernie Cambell, Peter Ollerton and Murray Barnes - had to be admired. They chased, scrapped, fought and always had a go."

"Now all we have to do is work on the finer points."

The collapse of Muniz in midfield heralded Australia's downfall yesterday.

He had been the team's driving force in the first half. When he faded, the Russian linkmen - especially Oleg Dolmatov - were allowed to do as they pleased.

Victoria's lone representative, Jim Tansey, who had done a lot of good things, made the mistake that proved the beginning of the end for Australia.

He lost the ball to a Russian on the touchline. Two quick passes sent the ball to Andrei Jakubik who equalised from inside the penalty area.

Five minutes later, veteran Gennady Evruzhihin, of whom more had been expected, gave a short pass to substitute Vladimir Kozlov who scored the winning goal from 15 metres.

Australia will play its fourth Test against the Soviet Union on Wednesday night in Brisbane.

Details:-

Australia 1 (Campbell 35th minute) USSR 2 (Jakubik 70th, Koslov 75th).

AUSTRALIA: Clarke; Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bennett, Tansey; Harding, Muniz, Byrne; Campbell, Ollerton, Barnes (J.Nyskohus 80th).

USSR: Gontar; Nikulin, Novikov, Makhovikov, Zenkov; Damin (Petrushin 66th), Evruzhihin, Dolmatov; Gershkovich (Kozlov 55th), Shepel, Jakubik.

Attendance: About 16,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
26th. November 1975,			Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland									6845	
Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Vladimir Pilgui				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Valentin Utkin				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Aleksandr Novikov				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Sergei Nikulin				
	DF	Jim Tansey						MF	Aleksandr Makhovikov				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	Aleksei Petrushin				60
	MF	Agenor Muniz						DF	Aleksandr Damin				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Manuchar Machaidze				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell						FW	Vladimir Gutzayev				46
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Andrei Yakubik			36	
	FW	Murray Barnes						MF	David Kipiani				46*
SUBSTITUTES													
								MF	Oleg Dolmatov				60
								FW	Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin				46
								FW	Vladimir Kozlov				46*
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Konstantin Beskov				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Des Miles											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. November 1975,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales					Good			28C		8400	
Australia..2 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..3														
half time, Australia..2 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..1														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Nikolay Gontar					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Sergei Nikulin					
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Aleksandr Novikov					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Valeriy Zenkov					
	DF	Jim Tansey						MF	Aleksandr Makhovikov					
	MF	Agenor Muniz						MF	Oleg Dolmatov					
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				55		DF	Aleksandr Damin				38	
	MF	David "Dave" Harding				55*		FW	Andrei Yakubik	49				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell				49		FW	Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin					
	FW	Peter Ollerton	21					FW	Anatoliy Shepel				76	
	FW	Murray Barnes	26					FW	Mikhail Gershkovich	43			79	
SUBSTITUTES														
		Gary Byrne				55		MF	Aleksei Petrushin				79	
		John Russell				55*		FW	Vladimir Kozlov				76	
		Ray I lott				49		FW	Yuriy Gavrilov	57			38	
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Konstantin Beskov					
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		Des Miles												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 1/12/1975, page 13

Three goals in 13 minutes rescued the touring Russian Soccer XI from 2-0 down and gave them a 3-2 win over Australia at the Sports Ground yesterday.

It was the third win in five matches for the tourists, with two matches drawn. The final match will be in Newcastle on Wednesday night.

Australia shocked the Russians when strikers Peter Ollerton and Murray Barnes headed goals in the 22nd and 25th minutes after Brazilian-born midfielder Agenor Muniz created the openings.

The tourists hit back when Mikhail Gershkovich scored a minute from half time, four minutes after the resumption midfielder Andrei Jakubik equalised and Yuri Gavrilov hit a winning 30-metre drive eight minutes later.

Australia appeared to lose control then and the Russians, who are preparing for the 1976 Olympics, outplayed the home team completely.

Russian chief coach Aleksandr Sevidov used 14 players in the match and all were Dynamo Moscow players except Aleksander Damin of Dynamo Kiev.

Sevidov said that the Russians started poorly, but he was extremely satisfied with their second-half performance after adapting to the 28-degrees celsius heat.

"We are building our strength now. Perhaps our biggest rival in Montreal will be Poland, but the full 16 teams are not yet decided," Sevidov said.

Englishman Brian Green, facing his first series as Australian coach, was optimistic despite the loss.

"We were gone at the end," Green said. "We went forward and collected two goals for the first time in the series, but became irrational under pressure."

"We have to learn from the Russians in the way they used their skills to control and conserve at vital phases of the game."

Former Australian coach Rale Rasic, who has returned from another study of coaching in Europe, said: "I saw the Russian first 11 in Turkey last Sunday, this team is the second 11."

"We need the standard of opposition that the Russians provided here to realise what our position in world football is."

"Today they made 15 second-half scoring opportunities while we made a couple."

RUSSIAN XI 3 (Gershkovich, Jakubik, Gavrilov) AUSTRALIA 2 (Ollerton, Barnes). Crowd: 10,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
3rd. December 1975,			Newcastle Showground, Newcastle, New South Wales									2500	
Australia..1 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Vladimir Pilgui				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Valentin Utkin				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Aleksandr Novikov				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Valeriy Zenkov				
	DF	George Harris						MF	Manuchar Machaidze				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	Aleksei Petrushin				
	MF	Agenor Muniz						FW	Mikhail Gershkovich				80
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						FW	Yuriy Gavrilov				
	FW	William "Ernie" Campbell						FW	Vladimir Kozlov				
	FW	Peter Ollerton	77					FW	Vladimir Gutzayev	20			65
	FW	Murray Barnes						FW	Gennadiy Yevryuzhikhin				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Byrne						MF	David Kipiani				80
		Ray ι Iott						FW	Andrei Yakubik				65
	GK	Todd Clarke											
		Jim Tansey											
		John Russell											
	DF	Richard Bell											
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Konstantin Beskov				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 4/12/1975, page 21

The Australian Soccer team fought back to a 1-1 draw in the sixth and final match against the touring Russian XI at Newcastle last night.

The draw left the Russians winning three games out of six with the other three matches drawn, and scoring nine goals to Australia's four.

Vladimir Gutzaev netted the Russians' goal in the 20th minute and Peter Ollerton struck home a well-deserved equaliser for the Australians with 13 minutes of play remaining.

Australia's goal came after Agenor Muniz threw his corner kick to Peter Wilson's head and Ollerton rammed in the ball past keeper Vladimir Pilgui.

The match showed that Australia's second string goalkeeper Allan Maher could hold his own in the national team.

RUSSIAN XI 1 (Gutzaev) drew with AUSTRALIA 1 (Ollerton) at Newcastle.

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Papua New Guinea had a short tour in New South Wales as preparation for competing in the Asian Zone Olympic elimination round.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
5th. February 1976,			Wentworth Park, Sydney, New South Wales										
Australian XI..6 v. Papua New Guinea..1													
half time, Australian XI..2 v. Papua New Guinea..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							DF	Samar Asagum				
	DF	Peter Wilson	X										
	MF	Agenor Muniz	X, X						Chalapan Nawayap				
									Stalin Jawa	X			
									Willie Seph				
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coaches		Tianum Kau, John Peka				
							Head Coach		Eric Worthington				
Team Manager							Team Manager		Paul Japhlom				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Australian squad consisted of:-

Goalkeeper - Todd Clarke, Allan Maher.

Defenders - Dragan "Doug" Utješenović, Peter Wilson (c), Colin "Col" Bennett, Jim Tansey, George Harris.

Midfielders - Agenor Muniz, James "Jim" Rooney, David "Dave" Harding, Gary Byrne.

Forwards - Ray Ilott, Peter Ollerton, Murray Barnes, John Nyskohus, William "Ernie" Campbell.

The Papua New Guinea squad consisted of:-

Goalkeeper - Robert Popat, Nelson Simba.

Other positions - Samar Asagum, Kamasi Maen, Stalin Jawa, Chalapan Nawayap, James Samol, Wells Matu, Mathew Yamanson, Leo Kusunan, Allan Dindillo, Philip Ragi, Gabriel Kalus, Ila Ilaia, Hatsire Manhl, Bayang Mare, Mathew Itaar, Wau Moses, Maso Salaiau, Willie Seph.

There appears to be no Australian match report of this game. The following newspapers were checked:- The Sun, Daily Mirror, Daily Telegraph and The Sydney Morning Herald.

A photograph of Agenor Muniz together with Chalapan Nawayap and Samar Asugum was published in The Sydney Morning Herald, 6/2/1976, page 3

However, the tour by Papua New Guinea was covered by the Post-Courier (Port Moresby).

The following is an article published on the 27th. January 1976:-

Papua New Guinea's first Olympic soccer team left Port Moresby at 2 am today for Narrabeen in Sydney after a week's training.

The squad of 20 players and four officials were all smiles yesterday afternoon as they showed off their uniforms at the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium.

Coach Eric Worthington say he has been pleased with the training and the behaviour of the players throughout the camp.

"I am very pleased with everyone. They have kept up with the training and have been very co-operative," Worthington said yesterday afternoon.

"We are looking forward to more training in Sydney. Despite our wins over Germania club and combined University and PWD teams, on Sunday our real test will come when we play the Australian team in a practice match in Narrabeen," Worthington said.

Worthington who is also the coach of the Australian team, said last week some of the PNG players were better at ball control than most of the Australian representatives.

"We will also play selected teams from clubs in Sydney as part of our training," he said.
 They will play Malaysia in their first pre-Olympics trial match in Jakarta on February 15.
 "Malaysia is a very good team but we will play our best and I am sure the players won't let me down," he said.
 The team was also presented with a K1000 cheque by the South Pacific Brewery yesterday afternoon.
 The money will be used to cover the expenses at the Narrabeen camp and help players with some spending money.
 The shorts, boots and socks were presented by the Breckwoldts company in Port Moresby while the National Sports Office gave the guernseys.
 The team is: Manager Paul Japhlom, head coach Eric Worthington, coaches John Peka and Tianum Kau, players Mathew Itaar, Mathew Yamanson, Nelson Simba, Samar Asagum, Kamasi Maen, Gabriel Kalus, Stalin Jawa, Robert Popat, Chalapan Nawayap, Leo Kusunan, Masso Salaiu, James Samol, Hatsire Manhl, Wells Matu, Philip Ragi, Allan Dindillo, Ila Ilaita, Willie Seph and Bayang Mare.

The following is an article published in the Post-Courier on the 5th. February 1976, page 28:-
 Papua New Guinea's soccer team training in Sydney for the pre-Olympic trials in Jakarta later this month faces its toughest test today when it plays Australia.
 The game will be played in Sydney this afternoon and will give coach Eric Worthington the best indications yet of how the team should fare against Indonesia, Singapore, India, Malaysia and South Korea.
 The PNG side will only play one half against Australia. The other half will be played with Australians and Papua New Guineans on both sides.
 Worthington said by phone from Sydney last night that he is delighted with the performance of the team, both on and off the field.
 "They have been training well and are in very good spirits. They were extremely happy with the 8-2 win against the central NSW team in Lithgow last Sunday and are making friends wherever they go," he said.
 He said that after time, when PNG led 6-1, he made a lot of changes and experimented with players because the game was sewn up.
 "That game was specially chosen as an easy starter. The game against Australia will be a different matter. They'll be really up against it."
 He said the team now needs a really tough game because it has the worst draw for Jakarta.
 "We play the two top teams, Malaysia and Indonesia, first up. We'll have to be right at peak fitness. That's what we are working on now."

match report from the Post-Courier, 6/2/1976, page 40.
 Papua New Guinea put up a valiant fight against the Australian World Cup team in their soccer match in Sydney yesterday afternoon.
 Despite their 6-1 loss, coach Eric Worthington was full of praise for his players and their teamwork.
 Worthington who is also the Australian coach said in Sydney last night: "Australia fielded their top team and never gave us a chance at all but PNG players handled them well."
 "Our boys never gave up and in fact some of our players like Willie Seph and Samar Asagum were faster than their opponents," he said.
 "The only weakness in the team is goal-keeping. Our goal keepers are not so used to facing hard kicking," he said.
 The star of the Papua New Guinea side was Stalin Jawa who scored the goal. "His ball dribbling was fast and safe. He scored the goal on his own efforts," Worthington said.
 "Several times our forwards beat the Australian backs but they got too impatient and bombed scoring opportunities," he said.
 "Our players must learn before the games in Jakarta to keep their cool when the opposition's goal square is left wide open," Worthington said.
 "Before the match, we thought the Australian team was going to be too strong for us and would swap players with the Australians after half time," Worthington said.
 "But our players played so well in the first half to trail 2-nil that there was no need to swap around. We had Australia in trouble for a while but their big game experience told in the dying stages of the match," he said.
 Worthington said many Papua New Guineans who are attending courses in Sydney were at the match. PNG diplomat in Sydney Mr. Vincent Eri and his family also attended the match.
 "Our boys were very popular with the crowd. Some of the Australian crowd at the game barracked for us," Worthington said.
 Despite their hard training and good teamwork, Worthington says PNG has a little chance of winning the pre-Olympics trial in Jakarta late this month.
 "Teams like Malaysia, Indonesia and Korea are very experienced but we should put up good fights," he said.
 At present the team is going through fitness training and Worthington says he will keep up this until they leave for Jakarta on February 14.
 All players are well except Bayang Mare (strained thigh) and Matthew Ittar (strained hamstring), he said.
 The team will play a top Sydney team Marconi in their third practice game tonight.

Papua New Guinea had a series of challenge matches in addition to the match against Australia. The results of those games were:-

1st. February 1976 Central Western NSW .2 v. Papua New Guinea..8 at Watsford Oval, Lithgow, New South Wales
 6th. February 1976 Marconi-Fairfield..5 v. Papua New Guinea..1 at Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, Sydney, New South Wales.
 7th. February 1976 Central Coast..1 v. Papua New Guinea..4 at Davistown RSL Ground, Gosford, New South Wales
 10th. February 1976 Wallsend..0 v. Papua New Guinea..2 at Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, Newcastle, New South Wales

The results of the Papua New Guinea matches at the pre-Olympic trials were:-

15th. February 1976 Malaysia..10 v. Papua New Guinea..1
 17th. February 1976 Indonesia..8 v. Papua New Guinea..2
 20th. February 1976 Singapore..7 v. Papua New Guinea..4
 22nd. February 1976 North Korea..4 v. Papua New Guinea..0
 India withdrew from the competition before the trials started.

Fudbalski Klub Velež Mostar is based in Mostar and was founded on 26th June 1922. The club is named after a nearby mountain Velež, which is named after one of the old Slavic gods, Veles.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. February 1976,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									17239	
Australian XI..2 v. Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia)..2													
half time, Australian XI.0 v. Velez Mostar..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Enver Marić				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Mirsad Mulahasanović				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Veselin Durasović				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						MF	Mirko Dubovina				58
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Ahmet Glavović				
	MF	Agenor Muniz						DF	Boro Primorac				
	MF	Colin "Col" Bennett						MF	Dragan Okuka				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						MF	Marjan Kvesić	29, 38			
	FW	Ray ɿlott				46		FW	Vahid Halilhodžić				68
	FW	Peter Ollerton	56					DF	Dubravko Ledić				
	FW	Murray Barnes	72					FW	Momčilo Vukoje				
SUBSTITUTES													
	FW	John Nyskohus				46			Milidrag Hodzic				58
									Ramiz Omanovic				68
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Svlejam Rebec				
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Trainer						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.2, 11/2/1976, page 4 by Tom Anderson.

????? and a number of team changes to be made in Australia's World Cup soccer team.

This was more than evident at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday when the Socceroos drew 2-2 with Yugoslav tourists Velez Mostar.

The Socceroos did not hit top gear until the last 15 minutes of the game when Velez tired.

Until then it was a haphazard display, leaving much to be desired, and it was not good enough for a team preparing for World Cup duties.

Certainly, the Socceroos made a brave fight-back from being two goals down after 37 minutes to finish level.

But it is not the fighting spirit of the Australian team that is in doubt, it is its ability.

Let's face it, an Australian sports team without fighting spirit is unheard of.

Velez played without its internationals Franco Vlastic and Dzemat Hadziabdic and could be classed only as a pretty average European club team.

It was well organised and had the skills expected from all top European sides.

But there was no real individual brilliance displayed and there was no really outstanding individual in the team.

Even the great Enver Maric had a dodgy afternoon and was caught out on at least three occasions, when he came out of his goal for corner kicks and was caught at sea.

Australian coach Brian Green has now had his squad in two series - against the Russians and now against Velez.

He has used the same squad of players on both occasions and now should know their strengths and weaknesses.

In goal Todd Clarke did what was expected of him and he was blameless.

The back four in defence were extremely shaky and very disorganised. Changes must be made.

Doug Utjesenovic had a reasonable game and was the best of the four.

The middle axis of Peter Wilson and Col Bennett was a disaster and something definitely has to be done here.

These two players do not compliment one another and the combination is definitely not the answer to the key defensive posts.

A new partner must be found for Wilson, otherwise loads of trouble is in store in the future.

At left back, Jim Tansey was slow and his potential sense was lacking. He is not ready for international duty at this time.

The tactics employed by the defence also left much to be desired and at times they did not seem to know when to tackle and when to retreat and often were found retreating on the edge of their own penalty area when a tackle was necessary.

Brian Green will no doubt remedy this when he has more time to spend with the squad.

The midfield combination of Jimmy Rooney, Agenor Muniz and Dave Harding was the best aspect of the Socceroo team. Here is a solid combination to rebuild the team.

All three players worked hard and played well and had it not been for them, Australia would have been in a lot of trouble.

Up front big, Peter Ollerton needs support if goals are to come.

Around the goal the "Big O" hustled and bustled and was good in the air, but the chances that came because of this were not picked up because his colleagues stood around watching.

Players with the ability to pick up the crumbs must be found to strike with Ollerton.

Ray Iltott and Murray Barnes tried hard enough and Barnes scored a very fine goal, but they are not the answer to the problem. Australia was also too static and there was not nearly enough movement off the ball up front. Brian Green has had a look and should now have formed his opinion of the players he wants to keep and the players he needs. Players such as Atti Abonyi, Branko Buljevic, George Harris, Harry Williams (when fit), Col Curran, Adrian Alston (if available) and Billy Vojtek must surely be brought back into consideration and into the squad. And if another partner cannot be found for Wilson, then bring back Ray Richards to fill the bill. After the game, Brian Green said he was pleased with the way his team fought back to draw. "I am now going to have a serious look around for the players I know I need to strengthen my squad," he said. Yugoslav coach Suljeman Rebec said that he was not unduly impressed by the Socceroos' performance or, for that matter, the performance of his own team.

Velez Mostar had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test match. The results of those games were:-

31st January 1976 Victoria..2 v. Velez Mostar..2 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance.. 20,000

4th February 1976 South Australia..1 v. Velez Mostar..2 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia

6th February 1976 Wollongong City..2 v. Velez Mostar..6 at Wollongong Stadium, Wollongong, N.S.W.

Prior to the matches played in Australia there were three matches in Asia:- Singapore..1 v. Velez Mostar..5, South Cina..0 v. Velez Mostar..5 and Hong Kong..0 v. Velez Mostar..2.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. February 1976,			Newmarket Park, Auckland, New Zealand									12300	
New Zealand..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, New Zealand..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Praven Jeram						GK	Todd Clarke				
	DF	Anthony Sibley						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	DF	John Houghton						DF	George Harris				
	DF	Adrian Elrick						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
3	DF	Ian Park						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
	MF	Brian Turner						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
	MF	Warren Fleet						MF	David "Dave" Harding	79			
	MF	David Taylor				X		MF	Agenor Muniz				
	FW	Ian Ormond						FW	Mark Jankovics				X
	FW	Earle Thomas (c)						FW	Peter Ollerton				
	FW	Kevin Mulgrew						FW	Murray Barnes				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Graham Storer				X			John Nyskohus				X
Team Coach		Barrie Truman					Team Coach		Brian Green				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Eric Worthington				
Referee		A.T.Blackburn											
Linesman													
Linesman													

note, that the Soccer Action magazine had Campbell (Clive ?) playing in place of Kevin Mulgrew, no other references confirm this.

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.5, 3/3/1976, page 9

Australia had its first victory in New Zealand since 1958 when it beat the New Zealand national team 1-0 in a preview of their World Cup elimination matches next year.

Australia's winning margin may have been a slender one, but its superiority on the field was convincing enough.

Strikers Peter Ollerton and Murray Barnes played particularly well, looking for goals like hungry wolves.

With a little luck each would have scored at least one.

Colin Bennett, who had been such a failure in the first half of the game against Velez Mostar in Sydney, was a much improved player and George Harris, back for one of his occasional international games, sparkled at left back.

However, Harris and Jim Tansey before him can be considered only as stand-ins until either Harry Williams or Col Curran return to the national squad.

Both Curran and Williams have suffered injuries that seem to go with the left back position like some witch's curse.

Bobby Hogg before them was also forced out of the squad due to an injury.

Coach Brian Green included young St.George striker Mark Jankovic for his first international match.

However, nerves got the better of him and Jankovic was replaced by John Nyskohus in the second half.

The winning goal was scored by midfielder Dave Harding with a 25-metre drive in the 78th minute.

The match was anything but World Cup class, with the Australians having a feast of possession in the first half in particular, but failing to capitalise.

Green said after the match: "Things are beginning to take shape and the boys did very well."

Australia had nearly a score of scoring chances, but most of the shooting was wild or lacking in power.

Harding's goal was a fine solo effort.

He took the ball from his own half past five New Zealand players to belt home the winner high into the right-hand corner of the net.

The young New Zealand goalkeeper, Parven Jeram, who had played faultlessly under considerable pressure, was given no chance.

It was tentative rather than tense football for much of the time, and New Zealand, short of practice as a team, had only one shot at goal for every three Australian attempts.

But the nearest thing to a goal in the first half came from New Zealand linkman Dave Taylor.

He caught Clarke out of his ground and booted a scorcher from 30 metres out. It slammed into the cross-bar and bounced out to play.

In the second half, finding the Australians were making the chances but muffing them, the home team took heart.

It began opening up a bit and produced some snappy passing and good solo runs.

Both sides often kicked back to their 'keeper to relieve pressure.

Once, Australian captain Peter Wilson poked a hard short-range ball back to keeper Clarke, seeming to surprise him.

Clarke fielded the ball cleanly enough, but if he had not reacted quickly it would have gone into the Australian net.

AUSTRALIA: Clarke; Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bennett, Harris; Rooney, Harding, Muniz; Jankovic (Nyskohus), Ollerton, Barnes.

NEW ZEALAND: Jeram; Sibley, Houghton, Elrick, Park; Turner, Fleet, Taylor; Thomas, Campbell, Ormond.

match report from The Age, 1/3/1976, page 26

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19760301&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Australia beat the New Zealand soccer team 1-0 at Newmarket Park yesterday.

The solitary goal of the match, scored in 79th minute by the midfield player Dave Harding, sealed New Zealand's fate.

The match had by then lapsed into periods of dull defensive football with neither team prepared to take the initiative.

The New Zealanders, who have had a four-month break from top football since returning from their Asian (*tour*) took sometime to settle down and it was during these early stages that the visitors should have taken command. They did not, and for a time late in the first spell they gave it away.

In Col Bennett, the Australians had a weak link but the New Zealanders failed to exploit it fully and some good covering by the Australian captain, Peter Wilson, and his full-backs, Doug Utjesenovic and G.Harris snuffed out any attempted breakthroughs the Kiwis tried to engineer.

The first 10 or so minutes was all Australia but it could not score and the further the game went the better New Zealand became.

After an early shot by Barnes, which collected the side netting, New Zealand became more assured and a three-man move incorporating Turner, Warren Fleet and Mulgew gave the locals some hope.

Houghton, too, had a shot but he was just unable to control the bouncing ball and the Australian 'keeper Todd Clarke, was able to cover.

Jim Rooney, one of the more experienced Socceroos, sent over a perfect cross to newcomer Mark Jancovic but the youngster could not control the ball and he headed it straight to Jeram.

Australian early shots in the second half were mostly long range affairs and it came as little surprise that it was one of these that won the game.

Harding, a \$9000 transfer from Pan Hellenic to Wests in Sydney last week, showed his tremendous powerful shooting ability when, from 25 metres out, he drove home the winner high into the top right-hand corner.

New Zealand's chance of revenge will come in the return in Melbourne on Tuesday night. At least the Kiwis will be a little more match-hardened.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
2nd. March 1976, 20.15			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									4000	
Australia..3 v. New Zealand..1													
half time, Australia..2 v. New Zealand..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Praven Jeram				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Anthony Sibley				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	John Houghton				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Adrian Elrick				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Ian Park				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						MF	Brian Turner				
	MF	Agenor Muniz						MF	Warren Fleet				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	David Taylor	74			
	FW	Attila Abonyi	70			72		FW	Iain Ormond				
	FW	Peter Ollerton	14					FW	Earle Thomas				
	FW	Murray Barnes	7					FW	Kevin Mulgrew				
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Nyskohus				72							
Team Coach		Brian Green					Team Coach		Barrie Truman				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager						
Referee		Stuart Mellings											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.6, 10/3/1976, page 10 by Laurie Schwab

The emergence of Murray Barnes as a top-class striker and the further development of Australia's attacking style were the most pleasing aspects of the Socceroos' 3-1 victory over New Zealand at Olympic Park.

Other impressions that came out of the game:-

- It was one of the easiest matches Australia has had in many years and New Zealand would have to improve dramatically to pose any sort of threat in the World Cup elimination series next year;
- Australia is yet to develop a killer instinct;
- The team's defensive set-up could be improved.

In an easy match like this, centre backs Peter Wilson and Col Bennett could surely have played the constructive ball rather than walloping it.

Sometimes there was uncertainty in the middle, and it was this uncertainty that resulted in New Zealand's only goal.

Perhaps it would be wise to try out a constructive centre back.

Belting the ball aimlessly out of defence amounts to giving it away to your opponents. Playing a good pass means keeping the ball on your own side.

It has been suggested that Doug Utjesenovic would solve the problem if he played as sweeper. Utjesenovic is a skilful, constructive player who would prove the perfect foil for the destructive Peter Wilson.

The defensive set-up would be improved if one of the midfielders paid more attention to covering the back four.

Left back George Harris was effective on the overlap and, indeed, played a part in getting the ball to Murray Barnes for that first goal.

However, in defence, Harris was too often troubled by tricky winger Ian Ormond.

Coach Brian Green conceded after the game that his team lacked the killer instinct after leading 2-0.

Content to be in front, the players coasted instead of ramming home their superiority.

This attitude will prove costly against better teams.

Overall, however, Australia's good points far outweighed its bad points.

Big Peter Ollerton was in dashing form, and his work-rate was incredible, especially in the first half when he was even seen tackling in defence.

He and Barnes murdered the New Zealand defence and found openings for many dangerous shots.

The midfield couldn't be faulted either.

Agenor Muniz was shrewd and skilful. Dave Harding was the best of the three and Jimmy Rooney, that wily old fox, found space all over the park, especially on the left flank where New Zealand's defence was particularly slack.

It was great to see Attila Abonyi back in action. He didn't have a lot of the ball but when he did get it, he was always tricky and unpredictable.

match report by Brian Green (*Australia's coach*)

Our team is shaping up well and we showed that we can play attractive, attacking soccer.

We matched New Zealand's aggression and then went looking for goals.

Murray Barnes was outstanding. He's getting better with every match. The defenders just couldn't handle him and he did some excellent running.

Peter Ollerton was just as good and with a little luck he would have got at least three goals. We also benefited from Otti Abonyi's skill and experience, which took much of the load off Ollerton and Barnes.

The only reason I took Abonyi off after he'd scored that third goal was that I wanted to give young Johnny Nyskohus a run. We all know what Abonyi can do, but we haven't had the chance to see all that much of Nyskohus.

There were a few things I wasn't happy about.

First, there was the goal. We were a bit slack there. It should not have been scored.

Also, in the first half, we started treating the game as an exhibition. A good side will make you suffer when it's leading 2-0, but we let New Zealand off the hook.

I told my players to pull their socks up and they were better after half time.

On the overall chances, I'd say we could have won by six goals.

Dave Harding was great in midfield. He was one of my top three players, as he was in Auckland.

Agenor Muniz, who was off form in Auckland, was a much improved player and Jimmy Rooney found tons of room on the left.

I don't think we showed New Zealand too much of our hand. Just wait and see what we can really do. The best is yet to come.

match report by Barrie Truman (*New Zealand's coach*)

The Australian forward line showed a lot of sharpness and experience.

They really killed us early. If we had held them for the first half hour or so, we would have been in with a chance, because Australia did lose momentum during the first half.

I was most impressed with Ollerton and especially Barnes, who worked extremely well together.

Our defence contributed to our downfall by trying to play football in the back rather than clearing with long balls. We certainly paid for our errors.

New Zealand doesn't have the same standard of forward play as Australia, because we haven't had time to develop it.

However, we have the players to expose your defence and we were unfortunate not to have scored at least one more goal.

I said after the Auckland game that Australia was a very ordinary bunch but I see now that your players can work excellently together.

However, they sparkled only in a few breaks. It wasn't sustained.

If I can come here and get away with say a 1-2 loss in the away leg of our World Cup tie, I'll be more than happy, because we'll give you a hell of a game in Auckland.

Of the Australian midfielders, I like Agenor Muniz best. He had a bad game in Auckland but he impressed me this time.

In regard to my own players' performance, I'd say Warren Fleet played quite well in midfield and Adrian Elrick was quite sound in defence.

Ian Ormond caused quite a few problems in Australia's defence. He took George Harris to the cleaners and got to the line quite often.

We learned a lot from these two games and I feel we'll be in with a real chance come next July.

How the goals were scored.

7th minute: Ollerton wins the ball on the left wing, passes to George Harris who gives it to Barnes and Barnes rams it home from 25 metres. 1-0.

14th minute: Ollerton goes on a solo run, skirts the defence and puts the ball past the mesmerised goalkeeper. 2-0. Minutes later Ollerton has another great chance but his swipe at the ball misses altogether after Abonyi has cut back from the line.

70th minute: Barnes runs through acres of open territory to the post, calls for the ball from Ollerton at the far corner and heads Ollerton's cross towards goal. Defender Tony Silbey gets in the way and heads it out but the ball goes to Abonyi who heads it back, over the head of Jeram into the net. 3-0.

74th minute: Warren Fleet, one of New Zealand's best players, hits a shot goal which goalkeeper Todd Clarke punches out. With the Australian defence in a shambles, Dave Taylor nips in and goals 3-1.

Originally named Hotspur Football Club, the club was formed on 5th September 1882 by a group of schoolboys (who were members of the Hotspur Cricket Club) to play sports during the winter months. The club turned professional on 20th December 1895 and was admitted to Division 1 of the Southern League. In 1908, the club was elected into the Football League Second Division and won promotion to the First Division in their first season. They have won the First Division League championship in 1950-51 and 1960-61. The FA Cup has been won in 1900-01, 1920-21, 1960-61 (making it a League and Cup double), 1961-62, and 1966-67. Other competition titles include the League Cup (1970-71, 1972-73), FA Charity Shield (1921, 1951, 1961, 1962, and 1967), UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1962-63) and UEFA Cup (1971-72).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. May 1976, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									23651	
Australian XI..2 v. Tottenham Hotspur (England)..3													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Tottenham Hotspur..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke					GK	Barry Daines					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					DF	Terence "Terry" Naylor					
	DF	Jim Tansey					DF	Michael Stead					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					DF	William Young					
	DF	George Harris					MF	John Pratt					
	MF	David "Dave" Harding	13				MF	Keith Osgood					
	MF	Agenor Muniz					MF	Stephen "Steve" Perryman (c)					
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)					FW	Ralph Coates	16				
	FW	Murray Barnes				60	FW	Martin Chivers					
	FW	Peter Ollerton					FW	Christopher "Chris" Jones	51				
	FW	Attila Abonyi					FW	James "Jimmy" Neighbour	30				
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Nyskohus	89			60							
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				Team Coach		Keith Burkinshaw					
						Team Trainer		John Wallis					
Team Manager		Eric Worthington				Team Manager		Terry Neil					
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.16, 19/5/1976, page 5

Australia's new coach Jim Shoulder sent his players out to take on Tottenham Hotspur at their own game at the Sydney Sports Ground.

They lost 3-2, as they probably had to.

But Shoulder was well pleased and sees the loss as no reason to alter his tactics.

"I really do have something to work with," he enthused after his first taste of life at the top.

"Where we fell down was in our work rate. But we could use plenty more games like that. If Sunderland play the way Spurs did it will be great."

Fast, open and exciting, Sunday's game spelt out the old Australian frailty against skilled pros.

A crowd of 23,651 saw an Australian side forsake and try to push forward at every opportunity.

There was nothing negative about their play. But the professional sharpness and creativity of Spurs and their ability to mount a quick counter attack, left the Australians floundering.

The deft little touches that separate the pros from the part-timer were there for all to see - the use of the open spaces, the ability to beat a man, the running off the ball and the sure knowledge of where to place it.

Much of this comes from playing the innumerable matches week after week throughout the long and difficult English season.

Teamwork was the essence of Spurs' victory, although there were outstanding individuals in wingers Ralph Coates and Jim Neighbour, midfielders John Pratt and Steve Perryman and rangy defender Willie Young.

Young was thoroughly dominant in the air, blotting Australian striker Peter Ollerton completely out of the game.

And the two wingers gave fullbacks Doug Utjesenovic and George Harris an awful time.

"Coates and Neighbour have torn the best fullbacks in Britain apart," commented Spurs manager Terry Neill in what was offered as a soothing balm.

Neill added he was impressed with the effort and honesty shown by the Australians, but added quickly, "We're not a bad team ourselves."

Spurs were not a bad team. But then despite their failure, neither were the Australians.

This was a game Spurs obviously wanted to win. But they were forced to pull out all stops to do so.

Att Abonyi had a magnificent game, creating openings and peppering shots which needed line saves from Coates and Terry Naylor to prevent seemingly certain goals.

And while Pratt and Perryman led the attacks from midfield for Spurs, Australia's midfield trio of Jimmy Rooney, captaining the side in the absence of Peter Wilson, Agenor Muniz and Dave Harding turned in splendid performances.

It was the quick thinking of Muniz and Harding which led to the opening goal in the 13th minute.

Naylor headed out a free kick by Utjesenovic, the ball going to Muniz as the entire Spurs line moved forward. Harding sensed the opening and darted ahead in time to latch on to Muniz's neat pass and spear the ball under goalkeeper Barry Daines into the bottom corner of the net.

Muniz had timed his pass perfectly to avoid Harding being caught offside and the Australians went deservedly ahead. But three minutes later Coates, who was to figure in all of Spurs' goals, had the north London club on level terms. Latching on to a ball inside his own half, Coates sped 40 metres down the left wing and surprised even himself by seeing his cross-shot from 25 metres out soar beyond goalkeeper Todd Clarke's reach into the far top corner of the net. The Australians fought back, pressuring Keith Osgood into error to earn a corner, and robbing Naylor of possession as Harding, Muniz and Abonyi developed a succession of neat passing moves. But it was Spurs who took the lead for the first time in the match, with a goal from a diving header by Neighbour. Coates ran the ball to the bye-line and the Australian defence watched it pass over their heads to Neighbour, unmarked on the far post. Despite his menace on the breakaway Coates always seemed to have room to move - possibly as much through his own skill as the fact that he was allowed too much freedom, and the 30th minute goal was the penalty Australia paid. Big Martin Chivers was never an obvious threat in the forward line, but his neat little touches showed the hallmarks of his vast experience and repeatedly paved the way for danger from Chris Jones. Perryman almost made it 3-1 for Spurs in the dying moments of the first half, but Clarke brought off a fine save after a goalmouth melee. Failure by Harris to clear the ball five minutes into the second half gave Coates possession and this time Spurs made no mistake. Chivers nodded down the cross and Jones was on the spot to steer the ball into the net. The stranglehold on Ollerton and Murray Barnes by the solid Spurs defence prompted Shoulder to make a change in the 60th minute, bringing on the nippy South Australian John Nyskohus in place of Barnes. The Englishmen were still stringing their passes together with precision, playing the ball wide to the wings and forcing the Australians to scramble in defence. But a pleasant feature of the Australian play was the number of times all 10 players were up in Spurs' half - even if it did mean a rapid retreat at times. In the 84th minute Spurs, their attacks having lost much of their thrust, almost went further ahead, but Osgood's 25 metre shot from a free kick by Perryman rattled the crossbar. It was left to Nyskohus to pounce on a long kick from Utjesenovic and slot home a consolation goal for the Australians in the 89th minute. All in all Australia had a lot of good mixed in with the not so good and the team will welcome the return of Wilson - the sooner the better. Jim Tansey does not have the same commanding presence in the vital sweeper's role, and Colin Bennett needs Wilson's guiding hand to keep him at ease. For Shoulder it was the first step down a long and difficult road in charge of the national team. For the Australians it was an encouraging enough step towards Argentina and the 1978 World Cup finals. Spurs 3 (Coates, Neighbour, Jones) beat Australian XI 2 (Harding, Nyskohus). Crowd: 23,651. referee: Tony Boskovic. AUSTRALIAN XI - Clarke, Utjesenovic, Tansey, Bennett, Harris, Harding, Muniz, Rooney (c), Barnes (Nyskohus 60 m), Ollerton, Abonyi. SPURS - Daines, Naylor, Stead, Pratt, Young, Osgood, Coates, Perryman (c), Chivers, Jones, Neighbour.

Tottenham Hotspur had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test match. The results of those games were:-
 9th.May 1976 Victoria..1 v. Tottenham Hotspur..3 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance.. 18,000
 12th.May 1976 Northern N.S.W. ..1 v. Tottenham Hotspur..5 at Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, N.S.W.
 19th.May 1976 South Australia ..2 v. Tottenham Hotspur..5 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia
 23rd.May 1976 Western Australia..0 v. Tottenham Hotspur..4 at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia Attendance.. 12,000

Prior to playing in Australia, Tottenham Hotspur played a match in Canada, Fiji and games in New Zealand.
 27th.April 1976 Toronto Metro-Croatia..0 v. Tottenham Hotspur..1 at Toronto
 1st.May 1976 Fijian Select XI..0 v. Tottenham Hotspur..4 at Churchill Park, Lautoka, Fiji Attendance.. 7,000
 3rd.May 1976 Auckland FA XI..3 v. Tottenham Hotspur..5 at Newmarket Park, Auckland
 5th.May 1976 Wellington FA XI..2 v. Tottenham Hotspur..3 at Wellington

Sunderland A.F.C. was created in October 1880, although there is evidence that it was founded in October 1879 as Sunderland and District Teachers A.F.C. Sunderland joined The Football League for the 1890-91 season and won the league championship in the 1891-92 season. They successfully defended the title the following season. They were champions again in 1894-95, 1901-02, 1912-13 and 1935-36. The 1935-36 season did not go without tragedy despite winning the league. Jimmy Thorpe, the goalkeeper, died as a result of being kicked after he had picked up the ball following a backpass against Chelsea. He continued to take part until the match finished, but collapsed at home and died four days later. This incident led to a change in the rules, whereby players were no longer allowed to raise their foot to a goalkeeper when he had control of the ball in his arms. They won the FA Cup in 1936-37 and in 1972-73. The late 1950's saw a sharp downturn in Sunderland's fortunes and the club was implicated in a major financial scandal in 1957. Found guilty of making payments to players they were fined and their chairman and three directors were suspended. The following year, Sunderland were relegated from the highest division for the first time in their 68-year league history.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. May 1976, 20.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									7909	
Australian XI..3 v. Sunderland A.F.C.(England)..4													
half time, Australian XI..2 v. Sunderland..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	James "Jim" Montgomery				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Richard "Dick" Malone				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Robert "Bobby" Moncur (c)				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Jeff Clarke				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Joseph "Joe" Bolton				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding	9, 39			46		MF	Gary Rowell	27			
	MF	Agenor Muniz						MF	Raymond "Ray" Train				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)						MF	Robert "Bobby" Kerr				
	FW	John Nyskohus						FW	Bryan Robson	10, 59			
	FW	Mark Jankovics				73		FW	William "Billy" Hughes				
	FW	Attila Abonyi	46					FW	Roy Greenwood	65			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Byrne				46		DF	Michael "Mike" Henderson				
		Peter Ollerton				73		DF	John "Jackie" Ashurst				
	GK	Allan Maher						FW	Melville "Mel" Holden				
		Richard "Richie" Bell						MF	Dennis Longhorn				
		Murray Barnes											
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Bob Stokoe				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager		Ian MacFarlane				
Referee		Peter Rampley											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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"We got caught a couple of times in defence, but I wouldn't say I am particularly worried. At least that is something we can fix."

So said national coach Jim Shoulder after watching his Australian XI give up the lead twice to go down 3-4 to English second division champions Sunderland at the Sydney Sports Ground last Wednesday night.

It was the second loss to visiting English sides within four days for the Australians.

But the refreshing new look about their approach made it a far from a bitter pill to swallow.

In fact, if Shoulder is proved right, and the problems in defence can be overcome, the World Cup finals in Argentina could well become a reality for Australia.

Skipper Peter Wilson was missing from the games against both Sunderland and Tottenham Hotspur, and while he alone will not solve all the problems, his leadership in the back four is desperately needed.

Sunderland displayed fewer of the skills of the polished Spurs, relying rather on grafting determination and a constant work rate to keep them going.

They showed several lapses, notably poor passes which went astray, and were at their most dangerous from set play moves.

Yet Australia, normally not strong in this department, notched two goals to one by Sunderland from set plays.

Both came from midfielder Dave Harding - the first from a corner by Agenor Muniz and the second from a Muniz free kick.

Acting skipper Jimmy Rooney played a big part in generating the Australian midfield, but there was perhaps too little of the attacking build-up done in this area.

By and large the Australians pumped long balls through, hoping to catch the Englishmen on the hop, and while it did prove a fairly successful ploy, the Sunderland defence, marshalled by captain Bobby Moncur, generally succeeded in short - circuiting the dangers.

Sunderland right back Dick Malone was always a threat when in possession, as was midfielder Bobby Kerr. But the real dangerman was balding little striker Bryan Robson.

Chunky and fast in the mould of Spurs' Ralph Coates, Robson cracked in two of Sunderland's goals and played a hand in a third.

Harding, somewhat surprisingly replaced by Gary Byrne for the second half, stunned the disappointing crowd on almost 8,000 when he raced through unchecked to ram home a header from Muniz's corner and send Australia into the lead after nine minutes.

The Australians were still preening 30 seconds later, when a long kick by Kerr found a gaping hole on the right flank for the nippy Robson to swoop through and score.

The entire Australian defence had allowed themselves to be caught unawares, but of the four - Doug Utjesenovic, Jim Tansey, Col Bennett and George Harris - Utjesenovic at least redeemed himself as the match progressed.

In fact Utjesenovic was one of the best players on the field, invariably finding his man with accurate crosses.

Atti Abonyi also is thriving since his return to the national team, and figured prominently in the numerous attacking raids carried out by the Australians abandoning their previous heavy accent on defence.

But it was Sunderland who went to the lead in the 27th minute following a deceptive free kick by Kerr which again caught the Australian defence napping.

Kerr flicked the ball almost casually over the wall and midfielder Gary Rowell was there to head in Billy Hughes, rebounding shot from the post.

Both of Sunderland's goals had come through defensive lapses, but the Australians showed their fighting qualities by grabbing back the lead with two more quick goals.

Harding levelled in the 39th minute when Muniz slipped a free kick to his left for the Australian to send a 25-metre drive rocketing into the net.

Abonyi, who had earlier drawn a tremendous diving save from Sunderland goalkeeper Jim Montgomery, was on the spot one minute into the second half to score after Mark Jankovic had challenged Moncur for a cross from Muniz.

South Australian forward John Nyskohus showed terrier-like aggression to keep the Sunderland back line on its toes and was always constructive.

The Australians were playing some really good football, and the crowd, sensing victory, got behind them chanting, "We want four."

But the cries died in the 59th minute when Malone beat off Bennett and centred a pass for the closing Robson to score again and square the match 3-all.

Six minutes later Robson headed down another cross from Malone for Roy Greenwood to volley in an unstoppable shot.

It proved to be the match-winner, despite Shoulder's 73rd minute switch of Peter Ollerton for Jankovics who had been kept fairly well in check by the Sunderland defence.

But while it is always more satisfying to win matches, the Australian performance was nonetheless heartening.

Shoulder has not yet had much of a chance to work with his players, but already his approach is clear - take the initiative and carry the game to the opposition.

Once the fefence is sorted out, the rest of Asia had better beware.

SUNDERLAND 4 (Robson 2, Rowell, Greenwood) beat Australian XI 3 (Harding 2, Abonyi). Crowd: 7,909

AUSTRALIA XI: Clarke, Utjesenovic, Tansey, Bennett, Harris, Harding (Byrne 45m), Muniz, Rooney (c), Nyskohus, Jankovics (Ollerton 73m), Abonyi.

SUNDERLAND: Montgomery, Malone, Bolton, Rowell, Clarke, Moncur (c), Kerr, Train, Hughes, Robson, Greenwood.

Referee: Peter Rampley.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. May 1976, 18.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									6500	
Victoria..0 v. Australia 'B'..0													
half time, Victoria..0 v. Australia 'B'..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John "Jack" Reilly						GK	Tony Witschge				
	DF	Michael "Mike" Pye						DF	Steve Perry				
	DF	Arthur Xanthopoulos						DF	Steve Kokoska				
	DF	Jim Kondarios						DF	John Russell				
	DF	Andy Kazi						DF	Bohdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus				
	MF	John Barnard						MF	Peter Stone				
	MF	Ian Gibson						MF	Gary Marochi				
	MF	Jimmy Mackay						MF	Henry Kolecki				
	MF	Peter Bourne						FW	Ray I lott				
	FW	Graham French						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
	FW	Branko Buljevic						FW	William "Ernie" Campbell				
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach		Tony Boggi					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

This was a curtain-raiser to the Australia v. Sunderland match.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. May 1976, 20.15			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									6500	
Australian XI..0 v. Sunderland A.F.C.(England)..0													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. Sunderland..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher					GK	Jimmy Montgomery					
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović					2	DF	Richard "Dick" Malone				
	DF	Jim Tansey					5	DF	John "Jack" Ashurst				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Robert "Bobby" Moncur (c)				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Joseph "Joe" Bolton				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				46		MF	Michael "Mick" Henderson				25
	MF	Agenor Muniz						MF	Raymond "Ray" Train				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						MF	Robert "Bobby" Kerr				
	FW	Attila Abonyi						FW	Bryan Robson				
10	FW	Mark Jankovics						FW	William "Billy" Hughes				70
	FW	John Nyskohus				46*		FW	Roy Greenwood				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Byrne				46		MF	Dennis Longhorn				25
		Murray Barnes				46*		FW	Melville "Mel" Holden				70
	GK	Todd Clarke											
		Peter Ollerton											
		Arthur Xanthopoulos											
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Bob Stokoe				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager		Ian MacFarlane				
Referee		Jim Dixon											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.18, 2/6/1976, page 6 by Laurie Schwab

Branko Buljevic, that brilliant Footscray J.U.S.T. forward who did so well for us in the World Cup, must be returned to the national team.

Australia is not as rich in forwards as Sunderland, which could afford to have Mel Holden on the bench against the Socceroos in Melbourne last week, although Holden had scored five goals against Tasmania a few days earlier.

It doesn't make sense to leave out a player as talented as Buljevic - not if we're thinking seriously about reaching the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

And if Buljevic deserves to be included, what about Duncan Cummings of South Melbourne Hellas?

Cummings was in the national squad until an injury and transfer problems forced him out. Against St.George at Olympic Park, he showed a lot more flair than either Mark Jankovic or John Nyskohus did against Sunderland.

I'm not saying anything against Jankovic or Nyskohus. Certainly both are highly talented players and certainly they should be kept in the squad.

However, neither of them can compare with the elegant Buljevic, and neither is better than Cummings, or for that matter Mendo Ristovski.

Who will forget Buljevic's scintillating performance against East Germany in Australia's first World Cup finals match in Hamburg?

He was incredible in that game, as was fellow striker Adrian Alston. Australia may not even have reached the finals had it not been for Buljevic. Having drawn with South Korea 0-0 in Sydney in their qualifying game, Australia was 0-2 down in the return game in Seoul.

All looked lost but suddenly Buljevic flashed into play and scored within minutes of South Korea's second goal.

Had the goal not come as quickly, Ray Baartz may never have got his chance for the equaliser. The Koreans would have dropped back to defend its lead, but Buljevic didn't give them time to.

A few weeks ago Victorians again saw the best of Buljevic, when he turned it on against Tottenham Hotspur.

In recent years he has been a consistent goalscorer for the State team, notching goals against Glasgow Rangers, Legia Warsaw, Ferencvaros, Cruzeiro and Dundee.

Since first being selected to the Australian team, Buljevic has played 29 games, 22 of them full internationals, and he has scored 11 goals, placing him behind Adrian Alston (13 goals) and Ray Baartz (12) as one of the team's top scorers of the decade.

Buljevic, 28, dropped out of the squad due to business commitments at the time of the Russian series last November.

Since then he has declared that he is again available for selection.

With Buljevic in the team, Australia may have got a winning goal against Sunderland at Olympic Park last week.

As it turned out, the teams drew 0-0, because both defences had tightened up after Sunderland's goal-rich 4-3 win in Sydney the week before.

Sunderland is an average English league team. It did nothing that a top Australian club side cannot do, although it inevitably has the edge in speed and fitness.

That doesn't detract at all from Australia's fine performance.

The Socceroos had at least two chances to win the game - the first when John Nyskohus covered 30 metres of open territory after eluding Sunderland's offside trap only to be foiled by goalkeeper Jim Montgomery, and the second minutes from the end when Agenor Muniz beat three men to get into the penalty area, only to shoot high. Sunderland also had chances, but Alan Maher was great in goal.

He cut out all the high balls and made some uncanny saves - the best of them a one-hander from Joe Bolton's header after another cross from Malone.

Sunderland's goalkeeper, Jim Montgomery, supposedly one of the best in Britain, looked ordinary compared with Maher. In fact, Montgomery sometimes looked shaky.

But centre backs Jack Ashurst and Bobby Moncur didn't leave Montgomery with much to do. Certainly they had the better of the Australian forwards - especially Mark Jankovics who, playing most in the middle, was most often in their line of fire. Dick Malone was the best of the Englishmen, raiding dangerously down the right from defence. Bryan "Pop" Robson, who had scored two goals in the Sydney game, was watched closely by Jimmy Rooney in the first half and by Gary Byrne in the second half. Nevertheless, Robson did some valuable work in defence and midfield and the 6,500 crowd appreciated his spectacular 30-metre shots late in the game. But if anyone deserves praise, it is Australia's defensive pair, Colin Bennett and Jim Tansey. Both had made costly mistakes in Sydney, so they had a lot to prove in Melbourne. Thus, Bennett ripped the guts out of the Sunderland attack and Tansey swept up the dregs in his cool, professional way. It's a shame that Peter Wilson has to be slotted back into the side, for neither Tansey nor Bennett deserves to lose his place after the Sunderland game.

AUSTRALIAN XI 0 SUNDERLAND 0.

AUSTRALIA: Allan Maher; Doug Utjesenovic, Jim Tansey, Colin Bennett, George Harris; Jimmy Rooney (Byrne half time), Agenor Muniz, Dave Harding; Atilla Abonyi, Mark Jankovics, John Nyskohus (Barnes half time).

SUNDERLAND: Jim Montgomery; Dick Malone, Jack Ashurst, Bobby Moncur, Joe Bolton; Mike Henderson (injured 25th min., sub. Dennis Longhorn), Ray Train, Bryan Robson; Bobby Kerr, Billy Hughes (Holden 70th), Roy Greenwood.

Referee: Jim Dixon. Crowd: About 6,500.

Sunderland had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

16th.May 1976	Queensland..0 v. Sunderland..6	at Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland	Attendance.. 6,000
23rd.May 1976	Tasmania..0 v. Sunderland..5	at South Hobart Ground (Grove Road), Hobart, Tasmania	Attendance.. 3,100
27th.May 1976	South Australia..0 v. Sunderland..4	at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia	
30th.May 1976	Western Australia..1 v. Sunderland..2	at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia	Attendance.. 3,000

Prior to playing in Australia, Sunderland played a match in New Zealand (14/5/1976, at Auckland) which they won 3-0.

Heart of Midlothian Football Club, commonly known as Hearts, is a professional football club from Edinburgh, Scotland.

The club was formed by a group from the Heart of Midlothian Quadrille Assembly Club who played Local rules football, which was a mix of rugby and association football.

Members of the dance club decided to adopt the association rules in 1874 (name of the club was Heart of Mid-Lothian Football Club) but the exact date of the club's formation was never recorded.

Hearts have played home matches at Tynecastle Park since 1886.

Hearts had considerable success in the early years after becoming members of the Scottish Football Association in 1875.

They won the Scottish League title in 1894-95, 1896-87, 1957-58 and 1959-60. The Scottish Cup in 1890-91, 1895-96, 1900-01, 1905-06, and 1955-56.

They have also won the Scottish League Cup on four occasions.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
2nd. June 1976, 20.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									4043	
Australian XI..2 v. Heart of Midlothian FC (Scotland)..1													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Heart of Midlothian FC ..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	David Graham				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Roy Kay				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Sandy Burrell				
	DF	Richard "Richie" Bell						DF	James "Jim" Jefferies				
	DF	George Harris						DF	John Gallacher				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						DF	Donald "Don" Murray (c)				
	MF	Agenor Muniz	17					MF	Ralph Callachan				80
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	Drew Busby				45
	FW	Murray Barnes						MF	Campbell "Cammy" Fraser				
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Willie Gibson				
	FW	Attila Abonyi	46					FW	Graham Shaw				45*
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Todd Clarke						DF	James "Jim" Brown				80
		Colin "Col" Bennett						FW	Bobby "Rab" Prentice				45
		Jim Tansey						MF	Kenneth "Kenny" Aird	72			45*
		Gary Byrne						DF	David Clunie				
		Mark Jankovics							John Hay				
								FW	Donald Park				
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		John Hagart				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager						
Referee		Tim Davies											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.19, 9/6/1976, page 13 by Brian Mossop

It may have been the 4-4-2 of old, but there was new purpose and determination in the Australian XI which played Scottish Cup finalists Heart of Midlothian at the Sydney Sports Ground last Wednesday.

These qualities saw the Australians, and new coach Jim Shoulder, break through for the first win in four matches.

Australia won 2-1 - a comfortable and comforting win which could have been greater against one of the poorest European teams yet to visit this country.

That is not to detract from the merit of the Australian triumph.

It was a team effort all the way down the line from rangy Allan Maher's superb display in goal through to a new-look Peter Ollerton up front.

And what a debut for 20-year-old stopper Richie Bell !

With skipper Peter Wilson back to nurse him along, the young optometry student gave the performance of his life, winning high balls and clearing low to continually frustrate the Scotsmen.

Inexperience saw him hand Hearts their consolation in the 72nd minute when he slipped a back pass past Maher to allow dangerous replacement winger Kenny Aird to nip through and score an acutely angled goal.

But even allowing for the error, Bell's display can have been of no consolation to Col Bennett and Jim Tansey watching this one from the bench.

The back four, with Bell and Wilson in the middle, played it tight and safe, giving nothing away.

But Shoulder, as he admits, will have to try George Harris in a position other than left-back. Harris is a fearless tackler and a resolute defender, but he is a right-foot player out of his depth on the left side at international level.

Right back is more his position - despite the fact that he plays left back for his Sydney club St.George. Ironically it is his brother-in-law Doug Utjesenovic who will make way for him to be given a trial in the right back spot in one of the two forthcoming games against Italian side Bologna.

The creative Atti Abonyi played far deeper than in previous games, leaving Ollerton and Murray Barnes as the main strikers and linking instead with midfield trio Jimmy Rooney, Dave Harding and Agenor Muniz.

Yet there was nothing defensive about the Australians' approach.

They bustled, bullied and fought for the ball, recovering quickly when they lost it and tackling with determination to rob the Scots and set up new attacks.

Hearts were yards slower than recent English visitors Tottenham Hotspur and Sunderland and overall were a ragged outfit. Ralph Callaghan showed some of the class which has prompted English interest in his 10 minutes on the field and Aird, when he came on to replace bulky winger Graham Shaw in the second half, was always dangerous.

But those two apart there was nothing to tell the Scotsmen apart from a multitude of Australian club players. Not so the Australians. They were sharp, creative and far more disciplined than Hearts.

They controlled much of the play in midfield where Harding is finally fulfilling the promise which prompted his initial inclusion in the Australian squad by Rale Rasic.

And Ollerton showed that he is not merely a big fellow whose job it is to win possession in the air - a job he found difficult against the tough defences of Spurs and Sunderland. He was at his best in a creative role on the ground, showing turns of speed previously hidden, an ability to beat a man and run both onto and off the ball and lay on a pass.

All of these facets combined to produce Australia's opening goal in the 17th minute when Ollerton picked up a through pass from Harding.

He beat fullback Roy Kay, sped almost to the byline and sent a ground pass inside to Muniz who was on the spot to ram home the opener.

And Australia's second goal, a minute into the second half, was a gem from a set play.

This time Ollerton's contribution was to win a free kick 25 metres out from the Hearts goal after being fouled.

Muniz ran over the ball and Abonyi sent a sizzler curling around the defensive wall and high into the corner to almost tear a hole in the net.

Free kicks within range have been given a new dimension by the Australians in recent matches, but few could match the explosive power with which Abonyi hit this one.

Hearts really had few chances, and those they did have were superbly cut off by Maher.

He dived fearlessly at the feet of striker Drew Busby who had been sent through by bruising midfielder Jim Jeffries in the opening minute and 30 minutes later pulled off a spectacular flying dive to pluck a shot from Shaw to safety.

But for the most part it was the Hearts goal that was under attack, with Utjesenovic's floating crosses always spelling danger.

Barnes had a couple of difficult chances, but was quieter than usual in front of goal while Harding twice drove blockbusters just wide.

Hearts most certainly were not trumps - but it was due as much to the bright Australian approach as to their own frailties.

More of the same attitude by the Australians, who relished the return of the experienced Wilson, will take them a long way.

AUSTRALIAN XI 2 (Muniz, Abonyi) HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN 1 (Aird). Crowd: 4043. Referee - Tim Davies.

AUSTRALIAN XI - Maher, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bell, Harris, Harding, Muniz, Rooney, Barnes, Ollerton, Abonyi.

HEARTS - Graham, Kay, Burrell, Jeffries, Gallacher, Murray, Callaghan (Brown sub 80 min), Busby (Prentice sub 45 min), Gibson, Fraser, Shaw (Aird sub 45 min).

Heart of Midlothian had challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

3rd.June 1976 Northern N.S.W. ..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..2 at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, Newcastle, N.S.W.

4th.June 1976 Wollongong City..1 v. Heart of Midlothian..1 at Wollongong Showground, Wollongong, N.S.W. Attendance..1316

Prior to playing in Australia, Heart of Midlothian played games in New Zealand.

26th.May 1976 Christchurch United..1 v. Heart of Midlothian..3 at English Park, Christchurch, New Zealand

29th.May 1976 Wellington..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..2 at Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand.

30th.May 1976 New Zealand..0 v. Heart of Midlothian..3 at Newmarket Park, Auckland, New Zealand.

Bologna FC was founded on 3rd October 1909 in the Northern Italian city of Bologna.

Their formative season was spent in the regional league which they won gaining promotion to a league named Group Veneto-Emiliano. They spent four seasons in this league before all football leagues were postponed for World War I.

After the war they reached the semi-finals of the Northern Italian competition in 1919-20 and went one better the following season by reaching the Northern League finals.

Bologna became Northern and National League (Serie A) champions for the first time during 1924-25. This was followed by successes in 1928-29, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1938-39, 1940-41 and 1963-64.

They also won the Coppa Italia in 1969-70 and 1973-74.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
9th. June 1976,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia									11000	
Australian XI..3 v. Bologna FC 1909 (Italy)..0													
half time, Australian XI..2 v. Bologna FC..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Amos Adani				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Giorgio Valmassoi				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Claudio Correnti				
	DF	Richard "Richie" Bell	4					DF	Tazio Roversi				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Franco Cresci				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding	27					MF	Franco Nanni				
	MF	Gary Byrne	55					MF	Carlo Trivisanello				X
	MF	Henry Kolecki						MF	Lionello Massimelli				
	FW	John Nyskohus				X		FW	Ennio Mastalli				X*
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Sergio Clerici				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	Ezio Bertuzzo				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Attila Abonyi				X		FW	Oriano Grop				X
		Agenor Muniz						MF	Paolo Biancardi				X*
		Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						GK	Franco Mancini				
		Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Stefano Garuti				
	GK	Todd Clarke											
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Cesarino Cervellati				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager						
Referee		Donald Campbell											
Linesman		G.Neal											
Linesman		R.Parker											

Claudio Correnti was a guest player for Bologna. He was actually contracted with A.C.Como (also known as Calcio Como S.r.l.)

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 10/6/1976, page 17

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Australia won a spiteful match against Italian first division Soccer team Bologna 3-nil at Hindmarsh Stadium here tonight.

Australia led 2-nil at half-time after goals by defender Richie Bell and midfielder Dave Harding in the fourth and 27th minutes, and mid-fielder Gary Byrne added the third in the 55th minute.

The first goal by Bell was hotly disputed by Bologna and the match was held up for two minutes as players and Italian officials, who had stormed on to the field, argued with referee Donald Campbell.

The Bologna players claimed Bell had fouled the goalkeeper.

Three Bologna players were booked.

Midfielder Lionello Massimelli must have come close to being sent off after repeated incidents.

The Australians concentrated on playing the game and eventually toyed with the opposition.

They had complete control of the game as the glamour Italian side became flustered.

The crowd of 11,000 were treated to some fine attacking and defensive play by the Australians.

The goals by Harding and fello-NSW player Gary Byrne were superb efforts.

Harding cracked a glorious right-foot drive from 25 metres out into the right hand corner of the net giving goalkeeper Adani no chance.

Australia was unlucky, in fact, not to have scored at least seven goals.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Bell, Harding, Byrne) b BOLOGNA 0. Crowd: 11,000

line-up from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.20, 16/6/1976, page 5

AUSTRALIA: Maher, Harris, Wilson, Bell, Tansey, Harding, Byrne, Kolecki, Nyskohus, Ollerton, Kosmina

BOLOGNA: Adani, Valmassoi, Correnti, Roversi, Cresci, Nanni, Trivisanello, Massimelli, Mastalli, Clerici, Bertuzzo. Biancardi replaced Mastalli, Grop replaced Trivisanello during second half.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. June 1976, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									18991	
Australian XI..0 v. Bologna FC 1909 (Italy)..0													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. Bologna FC..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Franco Mancini				26
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Giorgio Valmassoi				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Franco Cresci				
	DF	Richard "Richie" Bell						DF	Claudio Correnti				
	DF	Harry Williams						DF	Tazio Roversi				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding				75		MF	Franco Nanni				
	MF	Agenor Muniz						FW	Ennio Mastalli				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Paolo Biancardi				
	FW	Murray Barnes						FW	Sergio Clerici				
	FW	Mark Jankovics						MF	Lionello Massimelli				
	FW	Peter Stone						FW	Oriano Grop				
SUBSTITUTES													
		James "Jim" Rooney				75		GK	Amos Adani				26
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Cesarino Cervellati				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager						
Referee		Donald Campbell											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/6/1976, page 13

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Technically, almost as good as the best in Europe ... that's how Bologna Soccer coach Cesarino Cervellati described the Australian XI after his side held out for a scoreless draw at the SCG yesterday.

Cervellati's appraisal could have been construed as a cleverly disguised way of putting his own team on the back; after all, the Italian first division side was beaten 3-0 by the Australians in Adelaide

But there was no disguising the better team in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 18,991 yesterday.

It was Jim Shoulder's Australians, rocklike in defence and inventive, if inconclusive, in attack.

Shoulder's experimental team, like Jerome Kern's Ol' Man River, just kept rolling along.

With full striking power up front, the result would certainly have been far less flattering to the Italians. As it was, Shoulder's insistence on seeing what players he can before the European tour later this year left

Peter Ollerton in Melbourne and Atti Abonyi on the bench.

Experience will probably turn Murray Barnes and Mark Jankovics into providers, but yesterday the countless Australians went begging.

But Shoulder was satisfied.

"In terms of a preparation game it was very satisfying," he said, adding that in Adelaide the Australians had played far more fluidly.

Shoulder, the young Englishman who in just six matches has turned the furore surrounding his appointment into admiration, is not easily pleased.

"I was a bit disappointed with our distribution from the back, and our build-ups could have been far better," he said.

"We tried to go through the middle too much instead of playing the ball wide. There were no failures in the team, but we didn't play as well as we can."

For that Bologna can be thankful, for they made only three real scoring chances in the 90 minutes.

In Richie Bell, Australia have a fine young player, mature beyond his years, an ideal partner for captain and sweeper Peter Wilson and a perfect replacement for "Iron Man" Manfred Schaefer.

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.20, 16/6/1976, page 5

Italian first division team Bologna, having overcome the shock of their 3-0 defeat in Adelaide, had every reason to be thankful for holding the Australian XI to a scoreless draw at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

For while the result does not say so, it was an overwhelmingly one-sided match with Australia holding the giant's share of play.

Only lack of striking power prevented the Australians from utterly swamping the Italians who bore not an ounce of resemblance to the team which gave Victoria so much trouble in Melbourne.

Bologna coach Cesarino Cervellati conceded that technically Australia was on a par with some of the best teams in Europe.

"We didn't expect that," he admitted.

But in offering the absence of six players as an excuse for Bologna's inability to beat the Australians, Cervellati did himself a disservice.

Australia, too, did not field its best team in either of the two games against the visitors, but still held the whip hand over the 180 minutes in Adelaide and Sydney.

The breath of freshness in the Australian approach since Jim Shoulder took over the reins as national coach is quite startling.

Experiment has been Shoulder's rule, and no matter which eleven he dresses in the green and gold, he has always been rewarded with a sterling effort.

And his countless changes in seeking 22 players for the tour of Europe later this year, have brought the desired results - the reserves on the bench are as capable as the players on the field.

And it is as true of a national team as of a club - you are only as strong as the depth of your reserves.

The closest player left to irreplaceable in the Australian side is skipper Peter Wilson.

His promptings and instructions from the defence echoed loudly around the SCG on Sunday, and he was never found wanting when needed.

In young stopper Richie Bell, Wilson has found a magnificent ally.

Bell gave immaculate displays in both games against Bologna, never failing to cut off danger, fighting strongly for possession and laying on some great balls to put Australia on the attack. Bologna had just three chances in the entire game - goalkeeper Allan Maher covering one splendidly and the others going wide.

But Shoulder, although satisfied, was not pleased.

"I was a bit disappointed with the distribution from the back and with our build-ups - they could have been far better," he said.

"We tried to go through the middle too much instead of playing the ball wide. There were no failures, but we did not play as well as we can."

With Peter Ollerton in Melbourne and Atti Abonyi on the bench, the attack rested with Murray Barnes and Mark Jankovics.

And while experience will probably be the making of both, neither was incisive enough or quick enough to capitalise on the numerous chances which came their way.

Bologna defended stoutly. They had to for Australia spent most of the game camped in their half.

Peter Stone, making his initial appearance for Australia, slipped smoothly into his role as an attacking midfielder and did enough to suggest he will tour later this year.

But the pick of the players in midfield were Agenor Muniz and Gary Byrne who read the game from start to finish and combined to produce constant danger for Bologna.

Right-back Doug Utjesenovic was brilliant in some neat work with Muniz, while recalled left-back Harry Williams, although rarely overlapping in attack, played soundly.

Utjesenovic was given all the freedom he wanted to roam down the right flank and did so. But while his crosses found hordes of Australians buzzing in front of the Bologna goal, no one could get the ball home.

Jankovics did get it into the net in the 83rd minute, but referee Tony Boskovic, who had a fine game, ruled he had fouled fullback Georgio Valmassoi.

Bologna had to rely on breakaways for their few chances, Ennio Mastalli presenting the most danger along with Oriano Grop and Lionello Massimelli.

But if possession is nine-tenths of the law, the law was Australia - they just failed to pronounce their judgements clearly enough by way of goals.

Australia 0 drew Bologna 0. Crowd: 18,991. Referee: Tony Boskovic.

AUSTRALIA - Maher, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bell, Williams, Harding (Rooney 75m), Muniz, Byrne, Barnes, Jankovics, Stone.

BOLOGNA - Mancini (Adani 26m), Valmassoi, Cresci, Correnti, Roversi, Nanni, Mastalli, Biancardi, Clerici, Massimelli, Grop.

Bologna had a challenge match in addition to the test matches. The result of that game was:-

6th June 1976 Victoria..0 v. Bologna FC 1909..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..13,440

Prior to playing in Australia, Bologna played a game in Hong Kong.

??th. May 1976 Hong Kong..0 v. Bologna FC 1909..1

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. June 1976,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									3823	
Australian XI..1 v. Italian Army XI..3													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Italian Army XI..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Franco Tancredi				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović						DF	Sergio Zuccheri				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Giacomo Chinellato				
	DF	Richard "Richie" Bell						MF	Patrizio Sala				
	DF	Harry Williams						DF	Silvano Fontolan				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding						DF	Graziano Bini				
	MF	Agenor Muniz						FW	Bruno Conti				65
	MF	Gary Byrne						DF	Adelmo Paris				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	Roberto Pruzzo	54			
	FW	Peter Ollerton	9					FW	Vincenzo D'Amico	33			
	FW	Attila Abonyi						FW	Claudio Desolati	67			
SUBSTITUTES													
								MF	Domencio Maggiora				65
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Eric Worthington					Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 1/7/1976, page 13 and 15 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19760701&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>
The Italian Army Soccer team used their heavy armament to blast an Australian XI 3-1 at the Sydney Sports Ground last night - but it is likely to be only a hit-and-run exercise.
Despite the polished ease with which they dispatched the opposition, the Italians are not keen to play the return game in Melbourne next Wednesday.
They say they had not expected to meet Australia and apparently prefer not to play national teams.
Tour promoter Tony Palumbo will spend the next few days trying to change their minds.
And while Australia could suffer another defeat, it would be a lesson well learned for the World Cup battles yet to be fought.
For this thoroughly professional Italian Army team is one of the best to have visited Australia, and only stubborn resistance from goalkeeper Allan Maher stopped last night's game from turning into a rout.
Maher, under severe pressure particularly in the second half, pulled off at least three tremendous saves.
The visitors, having felt out their opposition in a fast-moving opening half, found and exploited Australia's weaknesses in a ruthless second-half display of skill and flair.
It was the cool, clinical dissection born of professionalism. Yet Australia in defeat had nothing to be ashamed of.
They scored the opening goal and matched the Italians in almost every department for nearly an hour before being overrun.
And the European tour later this year will mould the Australians into a far more disciplined unit than they were so far with their limited preparation.
The rain and cold last night limited the crowd to a disappointing 3,823.
Led by a dynamic front line in Vincenzo D'Amico, Roberto Pruzzo and Claudio Desolati, the military men paraded their passing skills to carve huge holes in the Australian defence.
Notably distracted was Australian left-back Harry Williams who spent half the night chasing shadows and the other half watching D'Amico race away with the ball.
The mercurial D'Amico also bent a free kick over the wall and high into the net to level the scores after rangy Peter Ollerton had put Australia ahead.
The Italians made life relatively easy for Australia in the first half by leaving their left flank exposed, allowing right-back Doug Utjesenovic to do as he wished.
Utjesenovic relished the freedom and it was his cross inside which Atti Abonyi back-heeled for Ollerton to score.
Franco Tancredi, showed he is heir-apparent to Dino Zoff's national team goalkeeping crown with some fine work.
Pruzzo's goal in the 54th minute was all class. Swooping onto a perfect pass he weaved his way past three flat-footed Australian defenders and around Maher to fill an empty goal with a booming shot.
Then it was Desolati who took a copybook pass from Pruzzo, and rocketed the ball past a helpless Maher.
The main lesson for Australia was in the Italian discipline. While the Australians allowed themselves to become ragged both in midfield and defence, the visitors kept cool and dominant.
Italian Army coach Ermete Patriarca probably could afford to be generous in his praise of the Australians.
But he did rate them a very good team, far better than he had expected, despite their recent win and draw against Italian first-division side Bologna.
ITALIAN ARMY 3 (D'Amico, Pruzzo, Desolati) b. AUSTRALIAN XI 1 (Ollerton). Crowd: 3,823

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.23, 7/7/1976, page 7
The spit and polish of the Italian Army's parade ground efficiency overwhelmed Shoulder's soldiers in the battle of the Sydney Sports Ground last Wednesday night.
The well drilled Italians pummelled an Australian XI with all the fire power available from their vast armoury, and when the smoke cleared Australia had been beaten 3-1.
There was no surrender on the part of the Australian troops. In fact they fought a good fight.
But this was a tactical war, and the Italians proved themselves masters of the art.
Led from the front by Lazio half Vincenzo D'Amico, Genoa striker Roberto Pruzzo and Fiorentina forward Claudio Desolati, the visitors laid siege to the Australian goal.

But for a sterling rearguard action by goalkeeper Allan Maher the final casualty toll in terms of goals could have been monstrous. Yet the initial skirmishes had left Australia with high hopes of blunting the enemy bayonets. An exposed left flank gave Doug Utjesenovic the chance to carry out numerous raids, and the accuracy with which he found his targets had the Italians defending grimly. But having spent the first half summing up the potential of Australia's weapons system, the military men from Europe surged forward in a mighty thrust. The first chink in the Australian armour developed at left-back where Harry Williams spent half the night chasing shadows and the other half trying to keep track of the elusive D'Amico. And finally the gap widened with D'Amico, Pruzzo and Desolati driving through the former Australian stronghold of captain Peter Wilson and the youthful Richie Bell. Having found the openings, the visitors kept up a non-stop barrage, and in three dangerous minutes midway through the second half Maher was called on to make three brilliant saves from shots by D'Amico, Pruzzo and then Desolati. The Australian midfield trio of Agenor Muniz, Dave Harding and Gary Byrne became ragged - only Muniz maintaining a high standard - while Utjesenovic covered an enormous amount of territory in defending his right flank. Striker Peter Ollerton again showed his increasing maturity with neat control of his ground passes which, especially early in the game, always found his support. But in the end it was the control of passes which brought the Australians to their knees. While they allowed passes to go astray enabling the Italians to turn defence into offence, the Army men tightened their control to rarely offer a loose ball. Perhaps the most heartening thing was the manner in which the Australians matched their opponents in the first half. Stringing their moves together confidently they quickly adopted a positive approach yet dropped back quickly enough to cover when things went wrong. The ability - although admittedly in lower key than the thoroughly professional Italians - is obviously there. To maintain it throughout 90 demanding minutes without becoming pushed into error is a lesson yet to be learned. Although excuses should not be made, it has to be remembered that Jim Shoulder has never been given much time to prepare his side, and limited preparation, especially against teams of the calibre of this Army unit, is not the way to success. But the first half gave the Australians little clue of what was to come as they pushed the ball about and kept the Italians on the defensive. Atti Abonyi was unusually subdued, with Italian right-back Sergio Zuccheri clinging to him like a leech and allowing him little room to move. But after John Kosmina had blasted a volley wide, Abonyi was right on the spot to figure in the opening goal. It came from the freedom extended to Utjesenovic. He collected the pass from Muniz, sent the ball whistling goalwards, and Abonyi back-heeled it for Ollerton to slam home his shot. There was little that goalkeeper Franco Tancredi could do about it other than pick the ball from the back of the net. But the class which has made him heir apparent to Dino Zoff's national crown was evident when he later saved a point blank shot by Bell. Williams' one memorable effort was a sprint down the left touchline in which he beat two defenders before laying on a perfect cross inside, but there was no one up in support. Australia's goal had come in the ninth minute, and the Italians went close to equalising after a great move between Patrizio Sala and Bruno Conti which ended with Maher brilliantly saving a Pruzzo header. The leveller came in the 33rd minute after Pruzzo had been fouled some 20 metres out. D'Amico took the free kick and sent his shot high over the wall dipping into the top corner of the net. But for Tancredi's incredible save earlier, the Australians could have gone into the break ahead, but as it was, the scores stood at 1-all. Nine minutes into the second period the Italians began to show their class. And it was sheer class which saw Pruzzo pounce on the ball, dribble rings around three flat-footed Australian defenders and then draw Maher out, only to leave him sprawled on the ground as he glided his shot into the empty goal. In the 67th minute Pruzzo laid on a perfect pass for Desolati to score. Details:- ITALIAN ARMY 3 (D'Amico, Pruzzo, Desolati) beat AUSTRALIAN XI 1 (Ollerton). Crowd: 3,823. Referee: Tony Boskovic. AUSTRALIAN XI - Maher, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bell, Williams, Harding, Muniz, Byrne, Kosmina, Ollerton, Abonyi. ITALIAN ARMY - Tancredi, Zuchheri, Chinellato, Sala, Fontolan, Bini, Conti (Maggiora 65 min), Paris, Pruzzo, D'Amico, Desolati.

The Italian Army XI had challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

2nd.July 1976	Wollongong City..3 v. Italian Army XI..6 at Wollongong Showground	
4th.July 1976	Adelaide City..1 v. Italian Army XI..4 at Olympic Sports Field	Attendance..5548
7th.July 1976	Victoria..1 v. Italian Army XI..2 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria	Attendance..
9th.July 1976	APIA Leichhardt-Marconi Fairfield..1 v. Italian Army XI..1 at Marconi Oval	Attendance.. The match was abandoned after 62 minutes

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. August 1976, 15.15			Manuka Oval, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory									3000	
Australia..0 v. Hong Kong..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Hong Kong..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Chu Kwok-kuen				
	DF	Kevin Mullen						DF	Lai Sun-cheung				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Tsang Ting-fai				
	DF	Richard "Richie" Bell						DF	Choi York-ye				
	DF	Alan Ainslie						DF	Au Wing-hung				75
	MF	Peter Stone						MF	Cheng Kwok-kan				
	MF	John Davies						MF	Lo Fuk-hing				
	MF	Mendo Ristovski						MF	Tang Hung-cheong				
	FW	Duncan Cummings						FW	Sze Kin-hay				
	FW	Murray Barnes						FW	Cheung Ka-ping				
	FW	Philip "Phil" O'Connor						FW	Kwok Ka-ming (c)	21			
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Allan Maher							Li Ping-hung				75
		Arthur Xanthopoulos							Chung Chor-wai				
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Franz van Balkom				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Sze Kin Hay is also shown as Sze Kin Kay.

The Canberra Times, 12/8/1976, page 1 sporting section <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110821244/12224126>

History repeated itself at Manuka Oval yesterday when Hong Kong defeated a disjointed Australian soccer side 1-0.

The last time the sides met, in Cambodia 10 years ago, Hong Kong also won 1-0, but probably not as easily as yesterday.

Australia rarely looked dangerous and failed to capitalise on its best asset, the height of striker Murray Barnes.

He consistently outjumped the Hong Kong defenders but instead of pressing this advantage Australia tried too much fancy football through a thick defensive wall.

Once in front, Hong Kong relied on defence and the quick break to maintain the lead.

Australia looked like drawing first blood when Richard Bell, impressive in his debut in midfield, moved upfield and sent a header over the bar from close range.

The lesson did not sink in and although Barnes gained plenty of possession from defensive clearances his fellow strikers, O'Connor and Cummings were too conventional in their approach.

Hong Kong captain Kwok Ka Ming was the sides most persistent forward and he virtually set up the goal.

He forced Ainslie to concede a corner and from the kick the Australian defence scrambled to clear, but in the confusion Tang Hung Cheong ran in to score an easy goal with Clarke on the ground nearby.

The Hong Kong players were jubilant - and content to play the remainder of the match as it developed.

In the second half Australia showed more purpose, which Ainslie and Mullen, the fullbacks, moving up to supplement the midfield where the new trio of Davies, Bell and Ristovski needed help.

O'Connor went close with a good shot on the turn and Wilson was unlucky with a long-range effort after a corner.

Hong Kong's keeper, Chu Kwok Kuen, had fumbled the ball a few times in the first half and Australia's forwards were testing him, with shots from all angles.

However, Chu rose to the occasion and made two superb diving saves.

At the other end, Kwok and Sze Kin Kay took on the Australian backline and Cheung Ka Ping demanded a good save from Clarke with a fine shot

Kwok later broke away twice but ended his runs with weak shots.

Despite late pressure, Australia often floundered in a mess of its own making, mainly by not playing the ball first-time and thus allowing the Hong Kong defence to get back and cover the goal.

National coach Jimmy Shoulder said afterwards he was disappointed with the result, but he pointed out that the team had seven players new to international soccer.

"You have to look at this game in that perspective, and remember that since May 16 we have tried 30 players in eight matches involving the national side", he said.

This was part of the squad-building technique planned for Australia's 1978 World Cup bid.

Players joining the squad now would all be considered for the overseas tour by Australia in October.
The team to play Hong Kong in Gosford next week will be named in Sydney today and the tour squad will be named at the end of August.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 12/8/1976, page 23 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19760812&printsec=frontpage&hl=e>
Australia's gamble on youth failed when they were beaten 1-0 by the Hong Kong Soccer team at Manuka Oval here today.
Hong Kong who played their best football of the tour, scored in the 21st minute when captain Kwok split the defence for Tang to score.
Although the result surprised Soccer followers Australian coach Jim Shoulder was not unduly worried.
Shoulder, who had seven new players in the side, said: "After the defeat by Wollongong City, Hong Kong looked like being beaten soundly by Australia, but they had improved their game enormously."
He said the experienced internationals who missed the match because of the Apia-St.George tie would be available for the second game against Hong Kong in Gosford next week.
Some of the youngsters who played today may retain their places in the team to be named tomorrow morning.
Defender Richard Bell, who almost scored for Australia with a great header, improved his stocks.
Captain Peter Wilson was a tower of strength, and Allan Ainslie, recalled to the side after a long absence, also played well.
HONG KONG 1 (Tang) b. AUSTRALIA 0 Crowd:3000

Soccer Action, Volume 1, Number 29, 18/8/1976, page 7
Australia's gamble on youth did not pay immediate dividends in the international match here last Wednesday with Hong Kong winning 1-0.
Fortunately, the reputations of the more experienced men in the side - Peter Wilson, Todd Clarke, Murray Barnes and Allan Ainslie (back after a five-year break) - remain untarnished.
The seven new boys all deserve another chance, particularly as they would all have done better with a heavier sprinkling of experience in the side.
Australia missed Muniz, Utjesenovic, Williams and Abonyi - the type of players who can stamp their individual presence on a game without appearing to hog the ball.
The midfielders against Hong Kong - Peter Stone, John Davies and Mendo Ristovski - were a bit out of their depth.
Ristovski managed some individual work which was helpful but not the answer.
The three lacked the bravado to carry the ball for 15 or 20 metres before setting up on the wing, or in the centre.
Stone was caught out of position a few times - enough to lose Australia the initiative on the right - and Davies, who has superb skills, unloaded the ball as though it was a hand grenade.
Only in the close situations did Davies relish the work. He has the knack of diving into a group and emerging with the ball - and he demonstrated this on occasions.
In the backline, Wilson's experience shone like a beacon. He rarely put a foot - or head - wrong.
One day, however, a player is going to put pressure on Wilson and not to give him the room to make the play as he does now. Asian sides, particularly, stand in awe of Wilson but the Europeans will make him work harder.
Wilson did not bring out the best in Mullen and Ainslie.
The full backs quickly overcame any nervousness and played soundly but the attacking qualities of Williams and Utjesenovic were sadly missed.
As defenders, however, the new pair were good, and fairly safe. Ainslie is not as fast as Mullen, but he uses his brain in all situations - no mere booting upfield when an attack can be created.
Richard Bell was also outstanding. At one stage he was up with the forwards and the next minute working in the backline.
His anticipation was first-class and he distributed wisely. Bell certainly rates a place in any touring squad as he provides the muscle needed to back up the skill already evident in the Australian defensive pool.
Up front, the story on Wednesday was sad. O'Connor and Cummings always found themselves confronted by defenders, yet rarely did they play a first-time ball into the centre.
Had they kept peppering the air with crosses, Barnes would have either scored, or set up, a hatful of goals.
Barnes consistently won the ball in the air, despite the attention of some tall Hong Kong defenders noted for their jumping ability.
Unfortunately, Barnes stands guilty of failing to shoot on sight and the number of times the ball was played square instead drew groans from the spectators.
Eventually Wilson moved upfield to show how it was done and went close to scoring.
This livened up O'Connor who showed his experience and took on the Hong Kong defence with better results.
Late in the game Cummings started to lift the ball and Hong Kong looked in trouble. They were given an easier time because there were not enough Australian players challenging for the loose ball.
Clarke played a sound game in goal and cannot be blamed for the goal, which came after a scramble.
He has a superb kick which Australia might have used to better advantage as it fell deep in Hong Kong territory.
There were two breakaways by Hong Kong but Clarke was out quickly to narrow the angle and gather the ball.
Although it was not one of Australia's best performances, the match did show that there is more depth in the Australian game.
Try to remember that by World Cup year, 1978, the new players of today could be seasoned internationals.
National coach Jim Shoulder, although disappointed with the result of the match, was generally pleased with the team's performance.
His plans for the side would have been different if the match had not been a trial, but he persisted with his aim of building a bigger squad of players from which the national team can be drawn.
"This is a different class of football for most of the team but it has given me a chance to see how the new players react to this situation," he said.
"I have watched the new players several times at club and / or State level and I remain impressed with their ability.
"The name of the game at this stage is building for the World Cup."
AUSTRALIA 0 HONG KONG 0 (Tang Hung Chong 21st.)
AUSTRALIA: Clarke; Mullen; Wilson, Bell, Ainslie; Stone, Davies, Ristovski; Barnes, Cummings, O'Connor.
HONG KONG: Chur Kwok Kuen; Lai Sun Cheung, Tsang Ting Faix, Choi York Yee, Au Wing Hung (Sub. Li Ping Hung 75th); Chang Kwok Kan, Lo Fuk Hing, Tang Hung Chong; Sze Kin Kay, Cheung Ka Ping, Kwok Ka Ming.
Referee: Tony Boskovic.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. August 1976,			Grahame Park, Gosford, New South Wales									5000	
Australia..2 v. Hong Kong..0													
half time, Australia..2 v. Hong Kong..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Chu Kwok-kuen				
	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović							Au Wing-hung				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)							Choi York-yee				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett							Cheng Yu-yung				
	DF	Harry Williams							Lai Sun-cheung				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney							Tsang Ting-fai				
	MF	Agenor Muniz				61			Cheng Kwok-kan				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding	27						Leung Nang-yan				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina							Cheung Ka-ping				
	FW	Murray Barnes				71			Chung Chor-wai				
	FW	Attila Abonyi	12						Kwok Ka-ming (c)				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Allan Maher											
		Gary Byrne				61							
		Phil O'Connor				71							
		George Harris											
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Franz van Balkom				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Peter Rampley											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 19/8/1976, page 23 <http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19760812&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Australia coasted to a 2-0 Soccer win over Hong Kong after Atti Abonyi and Dave Harding scored first-half goals at Grahame Park, Gosford, yesterday.

Midfield star Agenor Muniz was the architect of Australia's win.

The Hong Kong side played a crowd-pleasing game especially in the first half but they had no answer to the Muniz magic.

Australia's first goal came in the 12th minute when Doug Utjesenovic swept the ball across field from deep on the right for Abonyi to guide the ball past the goalkeeper Chu Kwok-keun.

Then in the 27th minute, Muniz put through a square pass that Dave Harding snapped up and scored with an 18-metre drive.

Muniz hobbled off after 61 minutes because of a groin injury.

The Australians, quicker to the ball, stopped the visitors from putting their short passing game together.

Hong Kong were always strong in defence, with Cheng Yu-yung, Choi York-yee and Tsang Ting-fai standing out.

Australian coach Jim Shoulder commented: "We knocked in a couple and made a few more chances so I was quite satisfied with the team's performance."

AUSTRALIA 2 (Abonyi, Harding) b. HONG KONG 0.

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.30, 25/8/1976, page 4

Australia coasted to a 2-0 win over Hong Kong after Atti Abonyi and Dave Harding scored two great first half goals at Gosford's Grahame Park last week.

Midfield star Agenor Muniz was, however, the architect of the Australian victory which cancelled out a 1-0 loss in Canberra a week earlier.

The Hong Kong side played crowd-pleasing football, especially in the first half, but they had no answer to the Muniz magic.

Australia's opening goal came in the 12th minute when Doug Utjesenovic swept the ball crossfield from deep on the right for Abonyi to guide home past the opposing goalkeeper Chu Kwok Kuen.

Then in the 27th minute, Muniz squared off a pass enabling Dave Harding to bear down with an 18-metre drive which beat Chu who lunged in vain.

Muniz had done the damage when he hobbled off after 61 minutes suffering from a deep-seated groin injury.

Hong Kong failed to get on top as the Australians moved in to stop them putting their delicate passes together.

They were, however, always strong in defence, with Cheng Yu Yung, Choi York Yee and Tsang Ting Fai always ready to dominate in the air and work their way out of trouble.

The match was played in a picturesque setting at Gosford, 50 kilometres north of Sydney on a ground cradled between a hillside and the main Pacific Highway north with the adjoining Brisbane Water stretching within 50 metres of the park.

Cheng Kwok Kan started with a full-blooded drive but it was not until the 70th minute that the Australian goalkeeper Todd Clarke had to make another tough fingertip save and again it was Cheng who had the shot.

Some of Australia's most polished work came early in the first half with Muniz sending the speedy Harry Williams flying up the wing.

Midway in the half Choi performed splendidly to cut out John Kosmina, playing his third international and only a day past his 20th birthday.

During the half, Hong Kong's defence moved upfield as a unit and on one occasion caught seven over-zealous Australians in the offside trap.

Although Leung Nang Yan impressed for Hong Kong and the team moved in much quicker, the second half was far less entertaining than the first.

In the 65th minute Murray Barnes had a great chance to score from Utjesenovic's swerving free kick but he failed and was later replaced by Phil O'Connor.

In the later stages there were strong challengers at either end but no scoring resulted.

After the match Hong Kong coach Franz van Balkom said he felt his team had been somewhat jaded following a long trip from Brisbane to Gosford.
Australian coach Jim Shoulder commented:"We knocked in a couple and made a few more chances so I was quite satisfied with the performance. In the second half we did not release the ball early enough when the Hong Kong side worked a lot harder."
Shoulder leaves for the President's Cup series in South Korea on September 6 and no further matches are expected for the Australian side until they leave for an Asian - European assignment on October 18.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. October 1976,			Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia				Humid			28C		40000	
Indonesia..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Indonesia..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Sudarno						GK	Allan Maher				
								DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenić				
								DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
								DF	Richard "Richie" Bell				
								DF	Harry Williams				
								MF	David "Dave" Harding				70
								MF	Agenor Muniz		X		
								MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
								FW	Attila Abonyi	5			70*
								FW	Peter Ollerton				
								FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Suaib Rizal	83						Gary Byrne				70*
									Gary Marocchi				70
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith				
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Connell				
Referee		Soedorso											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 1, Number 39, 27/10/1976, page 5

A tragic twist of fate wrenched victory from Australia's grasp in the first tour game against Indonesia.

Seven minutes from the end, a renegade bump on the pitch that will remain fixed in goalkeeper Alan Maher's mind for the rest of his days, contrived to produce an Indonesian equaliser for a 1-1 draw.

Maher was perfectly positioned to take a fierce, low 30-metre shot from substitute Indonesian striker, Suaib Rizal.

But the ball struck a bump a metre in front of the clutching Maher, flew into his face and was deflected into the net.

Maher, who had turned in an impeccable performance, clasped his hands to his head in despair as the ball trickled over the line.

"It is the sort of thing I have seen happen to other keepers but I never thought it would happen to me," said a dejected Maher in the dressing room later.

It was a cruel blow for the Australians who had fought valiantly in the pressure cooker heat to preserve an early lead from the cultered right foot of forward Atti Abonyi.

In the fifth minute, his St.George team mate Doug Utjesenovic flighted a superb cross from the right wing.

The mercurial Abonyi bobbed up at the near post, swivelled on his left foot and put the ball high into the net, wide of the dumbfounded Indonesian keeper, Sudarno.

The 40,000 plus fans in Jakarta's magnificent Senayan stadium erupted at the sheer majesty of Abonyi's acrobatics.

The Indonesian fans certainly had little else to cheer as their own side turned in a curiously placid first half display.

And Jakarta referee Soedorso, who is on the FIFA panel, did not help matters with a disturbingly lopsided display.

It seemed that for the most part the Indonesian players had only to sit down in a tackle to earn Soedarso's sympathy and a free kick.

And this was compounded by several questionable offside decisions by the linesman.

However, coach Jim Shoulder was far from despondent about the outcome.

"It was our first tour match and considering the heat and humidity I am well satisfied with the way the boys stuck to their task," he said.

Indeed, there was an encouraging blending of talents in the Australian performance, although they understandably wilted in the second half.

Victorian striker Peter Ollerton, a veteran of the 1974 World Cup campaign, gave a tireless display, constantly putting the Indonesian defence under pressure with intelligent, barging runs into the goal area, especially in the first half.

And Adelaide Polonia's 20-year-old front runner John Kosmina confirmed his potential with several electric runs down the flank that with a little luck, could have produced dividends.

Veteran midfielder Dave Harding was a tower of strength as he frequently blotted out attacks.

Utjesenovic and Harry Williams overlapped with great precision while Brazilian-born Agenor Muniz showed boundless stamina in midfield although he blotted his copybook with a late booking for a rash tackle.

Skipper Peter Wilson was as unflappable and had a profound influence on the game by slowing it down when his team mates needed respite from the oppressive heat.

The volatile Indonesian fans howled as he stroked the ball around with leisurely disdain. But there was muted applause from the Australian bench.

Australia controlled the first half of the match, with Indonesia's team drawing angry boos from the excited crowd for being slow in staging counter attacks.

But the second half saw a more aggressive Indonesian team, while the Australians succumbed to temperatures nudging 28 centigrade and humidity around 90 per cent.

Australia's tactic was to go slow, a decision motivated entirely by common sense in the sauna bath climate.

"It's like running around inside an oven," said midfielder Jim Rooney.

Scorers: Australia; Atti Abonyi (5th minute); Indonesia; Suaib Rizal (83rd minute).

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 22/10/1976, page 9

A twist of fate wrenched victory from Australia's grasp in the Soccer international against Indonesia at the Senayan Stadium here last night.

Seven minutes from the finish, a bump on the pitch helped produce an Indonesian equaliser for a 1-1 draw.

Australian goalkeeper Allan Maher was positioned to take a low, 30 metre shot by substitute Indonesia striker, Suaib Rizal. But the ball struck a bump a metre in front of Maher, flew into his face and deflected into the net.

It was a cruel blow for the Australians, who had striven in the high humidity and heat to hold the lead they gained through Atti Abonyi's fifth minute goal.

Abonyi's St.George-Budapest team-mate Doug Utjesenovic crossed from the right wing, Abonyi bobbed up at the near post, swivelled on his left foot and shot the ball high into the net.

Australia controlled the first half, with Indonesia staging counter attacks.

But the Indonesians were more aggressive in the second half as the Australians appeared to succumb to temperatures of about 28 degrees and 90 per cent humidity.

Jakarta referee Mr.Soedorso, who is on the FIFA panel, gave a lop-sided display, compounded by several questionable offside decisions by the linesmen.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
22nd. October 1976, 20.00			Kallang National Stadium, Singapore									40000	
Singapore..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, Singapore..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Edmund Wee						GK	Allan Maher				46
		Hasli Ibrahim		44				DF	George Harris				
		Robert Sim						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
		Samad Allapitchay (c)						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
		Syed Mutalib						DF	Jim Tansey				
		Gulam Mohamed						MF	Gary Byrne				
		Jacob Chacko						MF	Agenor Muniz				
		Zainal Abideen						MF	Gary Marocchi				70
		Mohammed Noh						FW	Murray Barnes				46*
		Arshad Khamis						FW	Peter Ollerton	48			
		Dollah Kassim						FW	John Nyskohus				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ahmad Sayuti						GK	Todd Clarke				46
		Suriamoorthy							Attila Abonyi				46*
									David "Dave" Harding				70
Team Coach		Choo Seng Quee					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith				
Team Manager		Nadesan Ganesan					Team Manager		Jim Connell				
Referee		Lee											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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The Singapore Press was far from enthusiastic about Australia's 1-0 victory here.

Under the headline "Australia win but fail to impress", Singapore's leading daily, the Straits Times, said "If this performance was the best they could offer, there is no doubt that they will be sacrificial lambs on the altar at Argentina - if they manage to get there."

Australia's coach Jim Shoulder is still calculating the high price of the victory.

The deposit on his team's first world tour success left Shoulder short.

Injuries have sidelined another two key players and limited his options on striking power.

Murray Barnes suffered a shoulder sprain and is expected to be out of action for at least two weeks.

Another of Shoulder's talented young brigade, John Kosmina, damaged his right ankle against Indonesia last Wednesday.

The other casualty against Singapore was goalkeeper Allan Maher, whose kidney was injured in a hard clash.

Barnes and Maher were helped from the field in a hectic three-minute spell just before half time.

First Barnes crashed into his right shoulder when a Singapore defender pulled him off balance.

He carried on gamely for a couple of minutes before coach Shoulder took him off.

However, within minutes medical officer Brian Corrigan and physiotherapist Peter van Ryn were racing onto the pitch again to attend to Maher.

After getting his hands to a pulverising free kick, Maher dived on a loose ball and collected a savage kick in the ribs from the Singapore rightback, Hayil Ibrahim, who had raced in to challenge.

The referee, Mr.Lee, booked Ibrahim as Maher was assisted behind the goal line where it was found that the left elbow on which he had fallen heavily was badly bruised and swollen.

As Maher struggled to his feet the referee signalled the end of a disappointing goalless first half, marred by sloppy passing on both sides and little attacking flair.

But the game sprang to life immediately after the break when a revitalised Australian attack started functioning.

And in the fourth minute the South Melbourne Hellas striker, Peter Ollerton, put Australia ahead with a superbly executed goal.

South Australian forward, John Nyskohus, burst down the middle and crossed to Ollerton, lurking on the left flank just outside the penalty area.

The burly Victorian steadied and deftly floated the ball over keeper Edmund Wee and it glanced off the far upright into the net.

It should have heralded a rout but all too often poor finishing denied the Australians the goals that their admirable build-up work deserved.

As their frustration grew, there was a tendency to blast the ball on sight and the ball boy must have shed pounds chasing around behind the Singapore goal.

Otherwise there could be little complaint about Australia's second half performance, highlighted by power and efficiency in attack and resolution in defence.

The back four - George Harris, Peter Wilson, Colin Bennett and Jim Tansey coped admirably with the individually skilful though often disjointed Singaporean raids.

Harris, particularly, impressed with his tireless overlapping and covering back. But he and midfielder Agenor Muniz were booked for dissent.

Apart from some clever distribution, Muniz had a quiet game, although he made a couple of subtle runs down the right flank.

Up front, Ollerton was in perpetual motion, seizing on the vaguest half chance to keep the Singapore defence under pressure in the second half.

But it was South Australia's aggressive little schemer John Nyskohus who provided the main current for Australia's second half revival.

He ran himself to a virtual standstill, cutting holes in the defence with his speed off the mark and fine ball control on the saucer-shaped national stadium's excellent turf.

Maher's substitute in goal, Todd Clarke, made the most of his opportunity with several spectacular diving saves that drew generous applause from the crowd of 40,000.

The Singapore team captain, Seak Poh Leong, did not play in the match.

Coach Choo said that Poh Leong was "unfit" because of military reservist duties.

Singapore's stars lived like monks for three weeks in preparation for the clash with Australia.

The 30-man national squad was billeted every night in a dormitory set up in the Japan Besar Stadium, just outside the city.

As semi-professionals they worked during the day and returned to the stadium each night for special "centralised" training sessions under the controversial national coaching director, Choo Seng Quee.

Choo, who was finally appointed chief national coach about three months ago, is under intense pressure to get results as the count down approaches for Singapore's World Cup Asian Zone campaign early next year.

Based on recent results, Singapore's hopes of qualifying would appear pretty forlorn.

At the recent President's Cup tournament in Seoul, the Singaporeans won only one match, against India, and two weeks ago slumped 1-3 to the Brazilian Cup side, Sao Paulo.

Australia's team: Maher (Clarke 2nd half); Harris, Bennett, Wilson, Tansey; Byrne, Muniz, Marocchi; Barnes, Ollerton, Nyskohus.

Scorer: Peter Ollerton (48 mins).

Attendance: 40,000

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. October 1976,			Government Stadium, Hong Kong										21000	
Hong Kong..0 v. Australia..2														
half time, Hong Kong..0 v. Australia..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Chu Kwok-kuen						GK	Todd Clarke					
		Lai Sun-cheung						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješeniović				46	
		Tsang Ting-fai						DF	Peter Wilson (c)					
		Choy Yuk-yue						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					
		Au Wing-hung						DF	Harry Williams		X			
		Cheng Kwok-kun						MF	James "Jim" Rooney					
		Tang Hung-cheong						MF	Agenor Muniz					
		Wu Kwok-hung						MF	David "Dave" Harding					
		Kwok Ka-ming (c)						FW	John Nyskohus	44				
		Chung Chor-wai						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina					
		Cheung Ka-ping						FW	Attila Abonyi	35(pk)				
SUBSTITUTES														
		Fung Chi-ming							George Harris		X		46	
		Loo Fook-hing												
Team Coach		Franz van Balkom					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith					
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Connell					
Referee		Cheung Kwok-kui												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from The Age, 25/10/1976, page 30

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19761025&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Veteran Sydney fullback Doug Utjesenovic defied a severe stomach upset to set Australia up for a 2-0 soccer win over Hong Kong today.

The quiet, unassuming St George-Budapest player, a veteran of more than 30 Australian appearances, laid on both goals before he finally succumbed to the pain at half time.

Conscious of the touring squad's injury problems, Yugoslav-born Utjesenovic insisted he was fit enough to play, despite an almost sleepless night.

Coach Jim Shoulder took him off at the break, but by then the Australians had the match all but sewn up.

The second half was an anti-climax as the Australians were content to protect their lead against an inept Hong Kong attack.

Nevertheless, it was Australia's best win of the tour after a 1-all draw against Indonesia and a lone goal victory over Singapore.

Both Australian goals came in a nine-minute spell just before half time.

Utjesenovic's keen anticipation and timing on the overlap engineered the first in the 35th minute, although it was scored from a penalty.

The rangy back galloped down the right flank and whipped over a low cross that rebounded off a defender and fell at John Kosmina's feet.

But the young South Australian striker was hacked down in a sliding tackle before he could get in his shot and the referee pointed to the spot.

Atti Abonyi calmly strode up and slammed the ball high into the right hand corner of the net.

match report from the South China Morning Post, 25/10/1976, page 18

In a match of such indistinguished quality that it was totally unworthy of the international tag which it carried, Australia yesterday defeated Hongkong by two goals to nil at the Hongkong Stadium but on this form the thought of participation by either side in the Worlds Cup finals in Argentina in 1978 is wishful thinking.

The Hongkong players gave the poorest display by our National team in many years and to make the occasion one which the 21,000 fans, who paid \$190,000 to be present, will want to forget as quickly as possible, the Australians were little better.

Not a single local player played to anything like his established form and if coach Balkam had a plan it remained the best kept secret of the season. Certainly anyone watching this threadbare Hongkong performance will take a lot of convincing that it was a planned effort.

Lai Sun-cheung - again playing out of position - Choy Yuk-yue, Cheng Kwok-kun and, his expensive blunder apart, Chu Kwok-kuen were the only players who merited a pass mark while the less said about some of the others the better.

There must be sympathy however for skipper Kwok Ka-ming, cast as he was in an impossible role which for a long time had him running aimlessly up and down the right flank without ever appearing to be in the right place at the right time. He has been a great midfield servant to Hongkong yet on a day when the team desperately needed his willingness and endeavour he toiled wastefully on the right wing.

But the tactics as much as the individual performances were sadly deficient and the defensive complex which pervaded the side from the start were, by their very nature, submissive. This was particularly so as the players were never successful in creating worthwhile attacks from out of midfield.

This was a day which cried out for Hongkong to attack because right from the early stages it was clear that the Australian defence was far from confident or competent when put under pressure. Yet the locals persisted with their defence packing plan and this was vividly underlined on one occasion when they got a freekick within striking distance of the Australian goal . . . and as the ball was kicked towards the six yards line they still had eight players behind the ball.

Such tactics simply did not deserve victory and only brought defeat closer to inevitability.

Despite this, their defeat was due to a goal from the penalty spot and an over generous gift from goalkeeper Chu Kwok-kuen who committed the sort of blunder that has ended more illustrious goalkeeping careers . . . and that is really a measure of the equal ineffectiveness of the Australian attack.

Clarke's ability in goal went untested but what he had to do he did efficiently.

In front of him, veteran skipper Peter Wilson, much slower and less mobile than of old, was at his best when he could stand back unmolested with yards of space and lay the ball off to those around him or sweep a long ball with characteristic accuracy to the wings but on the occasions when he was put under pressure he was glad of the presence of the towering Bennett.

Neither Utjesenovic nor Williams were impressive and the latter was booked for a remark he made to a linesman.

Harris, who replaced Utjesenovic at the interval, proved to be much more physical and his first contribution to the exchanges was a fierce tackle square in the middle of Cheung Ka-ping's back. It was not by any means the last of his indiscretions but when he was on the receiving end near the final whistle he was in with an immediate protest.

Of the midfield trio Rooney was the most profitable. The much vaunted Muniz was clever enough in possession but his distribution was often very poor and Harding and Rooney spent a lot of time tidying up behind him.

The attack was little if any better than that of the Hongkong side. Kosmina wasted several chances. Nyskohus and Abonyi were more industrious than their counterparts but their finishing was no better and that is what counts.

The Stadium pitch was in perfect condition for the game and although the humidity was high the weather was not a serious obstacle to the players.

The first half hour was quite dreadful as far as entertainment value was concerned and it seemed the only possibility of a goal would be due to a defensive error rather than being the result of a preconceived attack . . and so it turned out.

In the 35th minute the ball was swept into the Hongkong penalty area with the defenders in a tangle. It dropped at Kosmina's feet but before he could do anything about it Tsang Ting-fai had him on the ground and Abonyi hit a fierce spot kick into the net.

A minute before the interval Australia attacked down the right and a long lob sailed across the face of the Hongkong goal. It seemed a simple task for Chu Kwok-kuen to move out, intercept and clear but the big fellow was caught in two minds and before his indecision had gone Nyskohus nipped in and diving forward on his knees headed the ball under the hesitant goalkeeper and into the net to put the visitors two ahead.

In the seconds before the interval Williams kicked a hard Wu Kwok-hung shot off the line with Clarke beaten all ends up.

During the interval the fans found the activity of flying paper aeroplanes much more entertaining than the football which really put the first half in perspective.

In truth the second half was little better than the one that went before. Hongkong could not create meaningful attacks and Australia were content to play time consuming possession football which was effective but did nothing to entertain the crowd who voiced their disapproval.

The final whistle was a welcome relief. This was one international match we will be delighted to forget but Coach Balkum may not be allowed to forget it so easily. VERDICT: If football is rated as public entertainment this is one game that very definitely failed to qualify.

AUSTRALIA.....2 (Abonyi (pen) 35 mins., Nyskohus - 44mins.) HONGKONG....0

HONGKONG:- Chu Kwok-kuen, Lai Sun-cheung, Tsang Ting-fai, Choy Yuk-yue, Au Wing-hung, Cheng Kwok-kun, Tang Hung-cheong, Wu Kwok-hung, Kwok Ka-ming, Chung Chor-wai, Cheung Ka-ping.

Subs: Fung Chi-ming, Lo Fook-hing.

AUSTRALIA:- Clarke, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Harding, Muniz, Rooney, Abonyi, Kosmina, Nyskohus. Sub: Harris

Referee: Mr. Cheung Kwok-kui

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. October 1976,			Beijing Workers' Stadium, Beijing, People's Republic of China				Wet					60000	
Chinese Selection..4 v. Australia..5													
half time, Chinese Selection..4 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Todd Clarke				
								DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
								DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
								DF	Richard "Richie" Bell	32			
		Li Wei-hsiao	30					DF	Jim Tansey				
								MF	David "Dave" Harding				46
	MF	Liu Li-fu	43					MF	Agenor Muniz				46*
								MF	Gary Byrne				
								FW	John Nyskohus				
	FW	Li Wei-miao	26					FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	36, 46			
	FW	Shen Xiang-fu	X					FW	Attila Abonyi	13,19			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Gary Marocchi				46
									James "Jim" Rooney				46*
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Jim Shoulder						
Team Manager							Assistant Coach						
							Ron Smith						
Referee							Team Manager						
							Jim Connell						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Li Wei Hsiao is also shown as Li Wei Shaiao. Shen Xiang Fu is also shown as Shen Hsiang Fu.

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.40, 3/11/1976, page 4

Australia beat a Chinese selection 5-4 here in a game that doubled as the first ever joint performance of the Peking water follies.

Heavy overnight rain precipitated an eight goal first half deluge in conditions more suited to the Peking duck before it ended up on the dinner table at an after match reception.

It was a defensive nightmare as the backs sloshed around in ankle deep puddles and fought to keep their feet on the bumpy, rutted surface of Peking's imposing Workers Stadium.

The players were exasperated but the 80,000 grey and khaki suited fans loved every minute of it.

Eight goals came in a frantic, scrambling 30-minute spell and South Australian John Kosmina slid home the clincher a minute after half time.

The Chinese team was a national selection based in the Peking area. But whatever they prefer to call it, the Chinese have a team stamped with class.

"That's by far the best team we have played on the tour so far," said Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder. "They are going to be a force to be reckoned with."

The Chinese team was loaded with individual talent and super fit to a man. Apart from some defensive blunders that reciprocated gift goals for the overwhelming hospitality of their hosts, the Australians coped reasonably well with the conditions, and showed skills far in excess of expectations.

All the Australian goals were top-drawer. Atti Abonyi and John Kosmina bagged two each and defender Richie Bell capped a fine game with a superb headed goal.

The ease of Australia's first goal in the thirteenth minute suggested a rout was in the offing.

Doug Utjesenovic and Abonyi performed their one-two act from a set piece.

Utjesenovic flighted a pin-point free kick from just outside the area for Abonyi to race in and head the ball home from point blank range.

But the Chinese drew level four minutes later when striker Li Wei Miao exploited a mix-up in the Australian defence to prod home after Todd Clarke had failed to hold a low shot that skidded across the patchy turf like a balloon.

Australia hit back in just two minutes as Abonyi craftily lobbed a free kick over the keeper's head from 20 yards for his second goal.

Within three minutes the Australian defence was all at sea again and a shot from Li Wei Shsiao was deflected off a defender just wide of Clarke into the net.

In the 32nd minute Australia's third goal also came from a set piece. Agenor Muniz lofted a corner high into the penalty area and Bell rose majestically above a ruck of defenders to head the ball home.

Four minutes later Tansey made a long, tantalising run down the left flank and centred for Kosmina to gallop in and glide the ball into the net with his head.

But again the Chinese rallied and a curving corner by the brilliant little Chinese striker Shen Shing Fu clipped Dave Harding on the head and sailed into the net with Clarke stranded.

Two minutes from half time the Chinese pulled level again when midfielder Liu Li Fu smashed home a pulverising twenty-yard drive from twenty yards.

Kosmina's match winner a minute after the interval was the pick of them all. Utjesenovic pulled the defence over to the right flank and centred for Kosmina to race in and slide the ball home.

To Australian eyes and ears the behavior of the good-natured crowd was unique. It was more typical of a cricket ground members' enclosure than a football stadium.

They applauded politely, cheered with commendable restraint and never booed. In fact the loudest voice all afternoon was that of Australian skipper Peter Wilson ordering his men around.

Both sides were guilty of glaring errors but remained totally committed to attacking, adventurous football.

Abonyi was the Australians' star but the man of the match was Peking's fleet-footed leftwinger Shen Hsiang-Fu.

Shen, a player of true international class, tore the Australian defence to tatters in the first half and capped his display with a goal.

Admission for the game was about five cents, under the Chinese Government's policy of "Sport for pleasure and not profit."

Shoulder put off recalling star striker Peter Ollerton, to avoid the risk of aggravating a groin strain he suffered scoring the vital goal in Australia's 1-0 win over Singapore. However, Ollerton's less publicised skill - in goal - could have been put to the test had keeper Clarke been injured.

With Allan Maher recovering in a Hong Kong hospital from a kidney injury, Ollerton was the only alternative.

Although he has not kept goal since his schooldays in Lancashire, Ollerton has shown surprising agility between the posts at training.

The team: Todd Clarke, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Richie Bell, Jim Tansey, Dave Harding, Agenor Muniz, Gary Byrne, John Kosmina, John Nyskohus, Atti Abonyi.

Scorers: Abonyi 2, Kosmina 2, Bell.

Crowd: 60,000.

match report from the South China Morning Post, 28/10/1976, page 15

Australia's national soccer team today gained a rousing 5-4 victory over a courageous Peking side who three times fought back to equalise.

Most of the action came in an extraordinary first half which produced eight goals and won a standing ovation from the 60,000 crowd in the Workers' Stadium.

The Australians, who reached the 1974 World Cup finals, had expected an easy match but found themselves stretched to the limit.

On a waterlogged pitch both sides were guilty of glaring errors but remained totally committed to attacking, adventurous football.

Hungarian-born Atti Abonyi was the Australians' star with two goals but the man of the match was Peking's fleet-footed left winger Shen Hsiang-fu.

Shen, a player of true international class, tore the Australian defence to tatters in the first half and capped his display by scoring direct from a corner.

The goals started flowing in the 14th minute when Abonyi spectacularly headed home fullback Doug Utjesenovic's cross.

Li Wei-miao equalised 12 minutes later nodding in Shen's perfectly-placed cross.

Abonyi made it 2-1 when he lifted a free-kick over the massed Chinese defence but Peking fought back 2-2 in the 30th minute, scoring through Li Wei-hsiao.

Australia opened out a 4-2 lead with headed goals from Richie Bell and John Kosmina but the Chinese scrambled back into the game.

First Shen scored from a corner and the Liu Li-fu hit a beautiful low drive past Australia's keeper, Todd Clarke.

The second half had barely started when Australia got the winner, Kosmina neatly slipping home a low cross.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. October 1976,			Yuexiushan Stadium, Guangzhou (also known as Canton), Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China										35000	
People's Republic of China..0 v. Australia..2														
half time, People's Republic of China..0 v. Australia..1														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
								GK	Todd Clarke					
								DF	George Harris				87	
								DF	Peter Wilson (c)					
								DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					
								DF	Harry Williams					
								MF	Gary Byrne					
								MF	Gary Marocchi					
								MF	James "Jim" Rooney				78	
								FW	Attila Abonyi				62	
								FW	Peter Ollerton	12, 50				
								FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina					
SUBSTITUTES														
									Dragan "Doug" Utješeno vić				87	
									David "Dave" Harding				62	
									John Nyskohus				78	
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith					
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Connell					
Referee														
Linesman														
Linesman														

The Chinese squad was:-

Qi Wusheng (DF), Hu Zhigang (GK), Chi Shangbin (MF), Li Songhai, Lin Xinjiang, Rong Zhixing (MF), Wang Jilian (FW), Li Zhouzhe, Li Guoning, Xiang Hengqing (DF), Du Zhijiang, Liu Jinshan, Liu Peichen, Gu Mingchang, Yang Limin, He Jia(MF).

Li Zhouzhe is also shown as Li Zhuzhe

This match is also shown as Guangdong v. Australia. Australia was the first international side to tour China following the death of Chairman Mao (Mao Zedong).

match report from Soccer Action, Vol.1, No.40, 3/11/1976, page 5

Australia beat China 2-0 here with both goals coming from the head of Victorian striker Peter Ollerton.

He scored in the 12th and 50th minutes.

Heavy overnight rain reduced the pitch to a quagmire but nothing could detract from a vintage Australian performance as they tackled the swift and skilful Chinese out of the game.

Towards the end, the Chinese were reduced to walking pace and ran out of ideas as the green-shirted Australians blocked off every avenue of attack.

Australia went one up in the 12th minute after Gary Byrne picked up the ball on the right and sent over a curling cross as Ollerton charged into the penalty area.

The six-foot striker shrugged off a lone defender, soared into the air and deftly headed the ball home low to the left of the keeper.

Less than a minute later Jimmy Rooney made space on the right flank and slung over a low cross but John Kosmina sidefooted it against the upright and the defence managed to scramble clear.

Goalkeeper Todd Clarke had a fine game despite a painful right shoulder resulting from a fall in the Peking game on Wednesday.

He pulled off two magnificent diving saves early in the first half when the Australian defence was at full stretch to keep the Chinese at bay.

But the best save of the match was a header off the line by sweeper Peter Wilson in the 22nd minute after Clarke had slipped over in his sawdust-covered goal area.

Australia's second goal came five minutes after halftime. Harry Williams picked up a loose pass in centre field and sent Rooney away on the right flank.

The rugged little Scot chipped over a pinpoint centre for Ollerton to race in and delicately flick the ball wide of the keeper.

Rooney was as relentless as ever in midfield - despite a stomach upset which finally forced him off, eight minutes from the end.

Three minutes later, George Harris, after putting in the highest work rate on the field, struggled off with cramp.

He was not short of attention. As he went down after a sliding tackle near the goal line, the Australian doctor, the physiotherapist and three white-coated Chinese doctors rushed to his aid.

The good-natured 35,000 crowd was marginally more demonstrative than the one in Peking on Wednesday. Fair-minded almost to a fault, they even applauded the referee when he awarded free kicks against their own side.

Both Australian goals drew muffled groans, immediately followed by polite clapping that threatened to drown jubilant shouts of the Australian players.

There wasn't a mean foul all afternoon as the players on both sides showed impeccably good manners, helping each other up after tackles and retrieving the ball when free kicks were awarded.

But the ball boys provided the best comic turn - trying to keep the wide-brimmed coolee hats in place as they chased the ball.

Coach Jim Shoulder rated the performance against China as the best of the tour. "That's the most talented outfit we've faced and it brought out the best in our boys. It was a really first class performance in difficult conditions," he said.

The win provided, from the Australian viewpoint, a fitting finale to an historic China visit. The squad's five-day trip has been akin to a royal tour with beaming Chinese officials at every stop.
The team: Clarke; Harris (Utjesenovic), Wilson, Bennett, Williams; Byrne, Marocchi, Rooney (Harding); Kosmina, Ollerton, Abonyi.
Scorers: Ollerton 2.

match report from the South China Morning Post, 30/10/1976, page 12

Striker Peter Ollerton headed goals in each half to give Australia a 2-0 victory over China in their international soccer match yesterday.

Ollerton opened the scoring in the 12th minute from a cross from Gary Byrne. Five minutes after the interval Jimmy Rooney crossed accurately for Ollerton to nod home his second goal.

The pitch was turned into a quagmire by heavy overnight rain.

Australia are unbeaten on tour after defeating a Chinese Selection 5-4 in Peking on Wednesday and earlier victories against Hongkong and Singapore and a draw with Indonesia.

They are due to travel to Hongkong tomorrow on their way to Israel and Europe.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
3rd. November 1976,			Ramat Gan Stadium, Tel Aviv, Israel									15000	
Israel..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Israel..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Yossef Sorinov						GK	Todd Clarke				
		Elimelech Levantel						DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
		Haim Bar				X		DF	Peter Wilson (c)	56			
		David Primo				X*		DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
		Meir Nimni						DF	Harry Williams				
		Uri Malmilian				X**		MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
		Avraham "Avi" Cohen						MF	Gary Byrne				
		Yaron Oz						MF	Gary Marocchi				57
		Mordechay Spiegler						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
		Gideon "Gidi" Damti	42					FW	Peter Ollerton				
		Itzhak Peretz				X***		FW	Attila Abonyi				72
SUBSTITUTES													
		Jacob Cohen				X			Agenor Muniz				57
		Alon Ben Dor				X*			John Nyskohus				72
		Dani Noiman				X**							
		Oded Machnes				X***							
Team Coach		David Schweitzer					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith				
Team Manager		Joseph Dagan					Team Manager		Jim Connell				
Referee		Rene Mathieu (Switzerland)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 5/11/1976, page 13

The Australian Soccer tourists were the villains and heroes of a spiteful 1-1 draw with Israel last night.

Swiss referee Rene Mathieu allowed the match to degenerate into a series of deliberate fouls and shirt-pulling incidents.

The Israelis were the chief offenders but team manager, Joseph Dagan, accused the Australians of starting the rough play.

"That was the best Australian performance I've seen but there was too much provocation by them," Dagan said.

Australian players and officials blamed the Israelis.

The game could have gone either way in the closing minutes after Peter Wilson headed the equaliser to Gideon Damti's first-half goal.

Jimmy Rooney netted with 10 minutes remaining but it was disallowed for obstruction and the Israelis hit the crossbar twice.

Hamburger Sport-Verein e.V. is a German sport club based in Hamburg, its largest branch being its football department. It traces its origin to the merger of Der Hohenfelder Sportclub and Wandsbek-Marienthaler Sportclub on 29th September 1887 to form Sport-Club Germania Hamburg. On 2nd June 1919 SC Germania combined with Hamburger FC (founded in 1888) and FC Falke Eppendorf (dating back to 1906). The newly formed Hamburger SV quickly became competitive and contested the 1922 national final against FC Nürnberg. The game was called off on account of darkness after three hours and ten minutes of play with the score at 2-2. The re-match also went into extra time with the score at 2-2. Nuremberg had been reduced to just seven players (two were injured, two had been sent off) and the referee ruled they could not continue. Ultimately, the Viktoria trophy was not officially presented that year. HSV won the 1923 German football championship, and repeated the achievement in 1928. They had to wait until 1960 before becoming German champions again. In 1963 Hamburger SV was invited to join the Bundesliga. They won the DFB-Pokal in 1962-63 and 1975-76. In 1972-73 they won the DFB-Ligapokal (German League Cup)

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
6th. November 1976,			Sportplatz am Rothenbaum, Hamburg, West Germany									3500	
Hamburger SV (West Germany)..2 v. Australia..1													
half time, Hamburger SV..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Vladimir Kovacic						GK	Todd Clarke				
	DF	Peter Nogly	47					DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
	DF	Detlef Spincke						DF	Jim Tansey				
	DF	Manfred Kaltz						DF	Richard "Richie" Bell				22
	DF	Hans-Jürgen Ripp						DF	George Harris (c)				54
	MF	Hans Büffy Ettmayer	11					MF	Gary Byrne				
	MF	Kraskiewitz				74		MF	David "Dave" Harding				
		Beth				46		MF	Agenor Muniz				
	FW	Hans-Jürgen Sperlich				46*		FW	Gary Marocchi				62*
	MF	Michael Dahms						FW	Murray Barnes				
	MF	Uwe Mackensen						FW	John Nyskohus				62
SUBSTITUTES													
	MF	Ole Bjørnmoose				74			Colin "Col" Bennett				22
	MF	Felix Magath				46			Harry Williams	80			54
	MF	Uwe Bliemeister				46*			Alexander "John" Kosmina				62
									James "Jim" Rooney				62*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith				
Team Manager		Kuno Klötzer					Team Manager		Jim Connell				
Referee		Lutz											
Linesman													
Linesman													

some sources have this game listed as Hamburger SV Reserves v. Australia.
Ole Bjørnmoose is also shown as Ole Bjørnmoose

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 9/11/1976, page 13
The Australian Soccer squad lost their unbeaten tour record and two more players when they went down 2-1 to a star-studded Hamburg SV team here yesterday. Sydney defender Richie Bell was admitted to hospital with a ruptured medial ligament in his left leg and will be operated on later today. He will be in hospital for 10 days. Another defender, George Harris, tore ligaments in his right ankle. A second-half reshuffle by Australian coach Jim Shoulder just failed to pay off yesterday. After a two-goal deficit Shoulder brought new life into the Australian team when he sent on John Kosmina and Jimmy Rooney 15 minutes after the break. Left-back Harry Williams who had replaced Harris scored Australia's goal 25 minutes into the second half. Latching on to a loose ball on the left he carved through a static defence, pushed the ball around Yugoslav international keeper Kovic and slotted the ball into an empty net. The Australians kept hammering away but the elusive equaliser would not come. Despite a spate of injuries in recent weeks, Hamburg fielded eight regular first -team players, including four internationals, in their "extra" team. The genius of their West German stars Peter Nogly and Hans Ettmayer plotted Australia's downfall. Half an hour after the match, the Australians were on their way to Eindhoven, in Holland, where they will play Dutch Champions PSV Eindhoven tomorrow.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
9th. November 1976,			Philips Stadion, Eindhoven, Netherlands									7000	
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands)..2 v. Australia..1													
half time, PSV Eindhoven..2 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Todd Clarke				
								DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				
								DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
								DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
								DF	Harry Williams				
	MF	Wilhelmus "Willy" van de Kerkhof						MF	Gary Byrne				
								MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
								MF	Agenor Muniz				45
	FW	Ralf Edström	35					FW	Attila Abonyi				
	FW	Paul Postuma	25					FW	Peter Ollerton				
								FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	50			
SUBSTITUTES													
									John Nyskohus				45
Team Coach								Team Coach		Jim Shoulder			
								Assistant Coach		Ron Smith			
Team Manager		Kees Rijvers						Team Manager		Jim Connell			
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 11/11/1976, page 18

A brilliant performance by goalkeeper Todd Clarke could not prevent Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven beating the Australian Soccer side 2-1 at Eindhoven last night.

Clarke's courage and positional sense prevented a first-half rout and inspired his side to stage a remarkable recovery in the second half.

Eindhoven, spearheaded by five internationals, layed all over the tourists in the first half and led 2-0 at the break.

The Dutch team scored in the 25th minute (Paul Postuma) and the 35th minute (Edstrom).

Australia started slinging passes together with telling precision in the second half.

The Australian goal was scored in the 50th minute through John Kosmina.

KSV Baunatal is a football club based in the town of Baunatal in the district of Kassel, and the State of Hessen. The team was founded on 13th.April 1964 from the union of KSV Altenritte and KSV Altenbauna. The club plays in the 2nd Bundesliga Süd.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
10th. November 1976,			Auestadion, Kassel, Hessen, West Germany									4000		
KSV Baunatal (West Germany)..1 v. Australia..1														
half time,														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
							GK	Todd Clarke						
	DF	Georg Patzer	X				DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović (c)						
							DF	Jim Tansey						
							DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						
							DF	Harry Williams						
							MF	Gary Byrne						
							MF	David "Dave" Harding						
							MF	Agenor Muniz						
							FW	Gary Marocchi						
							FW	Murray Barnes						
							FW	John Nyskohus	50					
SUBSTITUTES														
Team Coach		Peter Velhorn				Team Coach		Jim Shoulder						
						Assistant Coach		Ron Smith						
Team Manager						Team Manager		Jim Connell						
Referee														
Linesman														
Linesman														

The KSV Baunatal squad was:-

Goalkeepers:- Lothar Uhl, Peter Schüler

Defence:- Hans-Dieter Diehl, Jochem Ziegert, Horst Prantschke, Jochem Ziegert, Otto Kastl, Georg Patzer.

Midfield:- Horst Kilian, Klaus Ganz, Manfred Grawunder, Gerhard Reinbold, Hans-Adolf Schade, Bernd Lichte, Reiner Hollich, Norbert Fricke.

Forwards:- Siegfried Bronnert, Erhard Hofeditz, Bernd Blacha, Werner Bliska, Herbert Maciossek, Heinz Gerhard, Siegfried Bronnert.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 12/11/1976, page 9

Australian Soccer rates only West German second-division status, according to Peter Velhorn, trainer of the KSV Baunatal team which held the tourists to a 1-1 draw here last night.

"On this display I would say the Australians could be classed perhaps in the top half of our second division," Velhorn said.

"But there is a big difference between first and second-division Soccer here."

KSV Baunatal is a team of part-time professionals and is fifth from the bottom in the 20-team West German second division.

It was indeed Australia's worst performance on tour. The team failed to forge any sort of pattern in midfield and the defence at times was reduced to almost total confusion.

Few Australian reputations escaped untarnished.

Spir Daaden was founded on 4th April 1911 under the name Fußball Club Adler 1911 Daaden. From 1921 to 1923 the sports club briefly merged with the Daadener Turnverein. The 1950-51 season saw the club promoted to the highest amateur league in the Rhineland Football Association (the Rheinlandliga).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
12th. November 1976, 17.00			Direnbach Stadion, Daaden, Rheinland-Pfalz, West Germany									2000	
Spfr Daaden 1911 (West Germany)..2 v. Australia..3 (match not completed)													
<i>half time, Spfr Daaden..2 v. Australia..3</i>													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		Klaus Nickol	X										
		Rolf Weid	X										
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Assistant Coach						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 13/11/1976, page 33

The Australian Soccer tourists are living like medieval kings for a day in a 14th century castle near here.

The players are spending their last day in Europe at Friedewald Castle, which dates back to 1324.

The Australians are guests of the Sports Friends of Daaden before they leave for England tomorrow to play the last games of the tour against Sunderland and Birmingham.

Their reception here last night more than compensated for an arduous nine-hour bus trip from Kassel, where they drew 1-1 with KSV Baunatal on Wednesday.

Tomorrow the Australians must rise at 5am for the 160-kilometre drive to Dusseldorf to catch an early flight to England.

extract of an article in Soccer Action, 26/1/1977, page 6

Tansey and Utjesenovic are still puzzled about the Socceroos' journey to obscure Baunatal where they drew with the local second division team 1-1.

Neither knew the reason for the game.

Then there was the journey to a Bavarian castle at Daaden, where the team was put up free of charge for two nights.

The reason for that visit was obviously a financial one.

Their host had arranged a match in the town against the local team, but apparently the Socceroos weren't told.

There they were, preparing for a training session, and the local team suddenly came running out, stripped and ready for action.

So a match was staged - with the Socceroos in track suits, treating it all as a training run.

match report from Rhein-Zeitung, 15/11/1976

Zu einer Posse, "Made in Australien", wurde das mit Spannung von rund 2000 Fußballfans erwartete Fußball-Gastspiel der australischen Nationalmannschaft in Daaden. Statt des erwarteten Fußball-Festes mit internationalem Anstrich kam es zu einem unrühmlichen Fußballspektakel auf dem "Direnbach"-Sportplatz. Nach ganzen 30 Minuten verließen die National-Kicker aus dem Land der Känguruh nämlich das Spielfeld, wodurch das schriftlich vereinbarte Fußballmatch ein vorzeitiges unsportliches Ende fand.

Vorstand und Akteuren der Daadetaler Sportfreunde schwante schon nichts Gutes, als am Freitagvormittag die Australier auf dem "Direnbach"-Sportplatz ein überaus hartes Training mit "voller Pulle" absolvierten und durch den deutschen Team-Begleiter, Kurt Roessler, Frankfurt, verlauten ließ, daß die Gast-Elf nur ein Trainings-Spiel über 30 Minuten durchführen wollte, intensive Bemühungen des Sportfreunde-Vorstandes bis zum Spielanpfiff führten schließlich doch noch dazu, daß die verbindliche Zusage für eine verkürzte Spielzeit von 2 x 30 Minuten gegeben wurde.

Doch es kam anders.

Zum Anpfiff der 2. Halbzeit erschienen die Australier nicht mehr, welches verständliche Mißfallenskundgebungen der enttäuschten Zuschauer zur Folge hatte. Der Spielstand war bis zu diesem Zeitpunkt 3-2 für die Australier.

Eine Überraschung bescherte gleich zum Spielauftakt Klaus Nickol, als er die Daadener nach schönem Kombinationsspiel mit 1-0 in Führung brachte. Auch in der folgenden Spielzeit wurden die hochgespannten Erwartungen der Zuschauer in die australische Gästeelf, in deren Aufgebot acht Akteure von der Weltmeisterschafts-Elf von 1974 standen, bei weitem nicht erfüllt. Zwar gingen die Gäste wenig darauf mit 2-1 in Führung, doch Rolf Weid konnte für seine unbekümmert aufspielenden Mannschaftskameraden den Ausgleichstreffer zum 2-2 markieren, Kurz vor dem Halbzeitpfiff gelang es den Gästen mit viel Glück, den 3-2-Stand zu erreichen.

Nicht zum Image einer National-Elf paßte auch das optische Bild, da die Gästespieler mit einer uneinheitlichen Spielkleidung, einige sogar in Trainingsanzügen, antraten.

Primärer Grund zum Kurzauftritt war sicherlich, wie schon vor Spielanfang aus der Mannschaftsleitung verlautete, daß die Australier zum Abschluß ihrer Weltreise durch Asien und Europa in England noch zwei Spiele gegen die Ligamannschaften Sunderland und Birmingham austragen wollen. Aus Sunderland stammt nun der Trainer der Australien-Elf, der natürlich auf ein gutes Abschneiden seiner Kicker dort besonderen Wert legt und kein Risiko durch Überanstrengung oder Verletzungen seiner Mannschaft eingehen wollte.

Fazit für die Sportfreunde Daaden und ihre Anhänger: Sie fühlten sich, schlicht und einfach gesagt, betrogen, wobei sich der Zorn des Sportfreunde-Vorstandes, besonders gegen die Person des "Machers" für diese Begegnung, den Frankfurter Kurt Roessler, richtete, der sich mit seiner Visitenkarte als Sportreferent der Interessengemeinschaft für Aufbau- und Entwicklungsländer vorgestellt hatte.

a loose translation is :-

The eagerly anticipated match by around 2000 football fans against the Australian national team in Daaden, became a "Made in Australia" farce. Instead of the expected football festival with an international touch, there was an inglorious football spectacle on the "Direnbach" sports field. After 30 minutes, the national players from the land of the kangaroo left the pitch, and as a result the football match agreed to, in writing, came to a premature unsportsmanlike end.

The board and players of the Daadetaler Sportfreunde were not committed for the Friday morning when the Australians completed an extremely hard training session with "full effort" on the "Direnbach" sports field so German team promoter, Kurt Roessler, Frankfurt, announced that the guest team wanted to carry out a training game over 30 minutes. Intensive efforts by the Sportfreunde board finally led to a binding commitment for a game with a shortened playing time of 2 x 30 minutes.

But things turned out differently.

At the kick-off of the 2nd half, the Australians did not appear, which resulted, understandably, in demonstrations by disappointed spectators. The score up to this point was 3-2 for the Australians.

Klaus Nickol gave a surprise right at the start of the game when he put the Daadener into a 1-0 lead after a nice combination move. Also in the following game time, the high expectations of the spectators in the Australian guest eleven, whose squad included eight players from the World Cup eleven of 1974, were far from fulfilled. Although the guests took a 2-1 lead soon after.

Rolf Weid was able to score the equaliser for his carefree team-mates to make it 2-2. Shortly before the half-time whistle the guests managed, with a lot of luck, to reach the 3-2 score.

The visual image did not match the image of a national team, as the guest players competed with inconsistent playing clothes, some even in tracksuits.

The primary reason for the brief appearance was certainly, as already reported before the start of the game from the team management, that the Australians want to play two games against the league teams Sunderland and Birmingham to conclude their world tour through Asia, Europe and England. The coach of the Australia eleven, now in Sunderland, attached particular importance to a good performance of his players and did not want to take any risks due to overexertion or injuries of his team.

In conclusion for the Sportfreunde Daaden and their followers: Simply put, they felt betrayed, with the anger of the Sportfreunde board, specifically against the "promoter" for this encounter, the Frankfurter Kurt Roessler, who had introduced himself with his business card as a sports officer of an interest group for developing countries.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
15th. November 1976, 19.30			Roker Park, Sunderland, England									4743	
Sunderland AFC (England)..2 v. Australia..0													
half time, Sunderland..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Barry Siddall						GK	Todd Clarke				
	DF	Michael "Mike" Henderson					2	DF	Dragan "Doug" Utješenović				58
3	DF	Joseph "Joe" Bolton					4	DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
5	DF	Jeff Clarke					3	DF	Harry Williams				
	DF	Shaun Elliott					11	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
	MF	Thomas "Tommy" Gibb					10	MF	Gary Byrne				
12	MF	Robert "Bobby" Kerr					7	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
13	MF	Gary Rowell	48				14	MF	John Nyskohus				58*
	FW	Alan Brown					9	FW	Attila Abonyi				58**
7	FW	Roy Greenwood	73				8	FW	Peter Ollerton				
11	FW	Alan Foggon						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
SUBSTITUTES													
2	DF	Richard "Dick" Malone							Jim Tansey				58
		Trevor Swinburne							Agenor Muniz				58*
10	MF	Raymond "Ray" Train					6		David "Dave" Harding				58**
Team Coach		Bob Stokoe					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith				
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Connell				
Referee		P.Partridge											
Linesman		B.W.Bodley											
Linesman		L.N.Douglas											

Player numbers are taken from the match programme. Note also that the Australian team was shown as Australian Federation.

match report from The Age, 17/11/1976, page 33

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The battered remnants of Australia's World Cup Soccer squad will head wearily south today for their final world tour match at Birmingham.

It would be more appropriate if they travelled in ambulance instead of a bus.

Against Sunderland here last night the Sydney right-back Doug Utjesenovic became the fifth major victim of what must rank among the most injury-plagued touring sides ever to leave Australia.

Utjesenovic tore a cartilage in his right knee as the Australians slumped to their third defeat in Europe after swimming through Asia unbeaten.

A decision on whether he needs an operation will be delayed until he flies back to Sydney on Thursday. This latest blow means coach Jim Shoulder can call on only 15 players for tonight's game and at least two of them are not fully fit.

A dramatic 23 minute second half spell sealed Sunderland's 2-0 victory, Utjesenovic's fate and Australian goalkeeper Todd Clarke's future.

Clarke pulled off a remarkable penalty save when the Australians were one goal down. In the 53rd minute Peter Wilson handled the ball during a goalmouth scramble and the Sunderland midfielder, Gary Rowell took the spot kick.

Rowell hammered a chest high shot well to Clarke's left but the tall Sydney Hakoah keeper flung himself full length to punch clear.

After a scoreless first half Sunderland had grabbed a 47th minute lead when Rowell sneaked in at the left post to push home a headed cross.

Minutes later Utjesenovic was writhing in agony on the turf after Sunderland striker Roy Greenwood appeared to fall across his leg as they lingered at a loose ball in the Australian penalty area.

he was carried off and coach Shoulder made three substitutions - Jimmy Tansey for Utjesenovic, plus Dave Harding and Agenor Muniz for Atti Abonyi and John Nyskohus.

But the reshuffle failed to stem the fast flowing tide of Sunderland's attacks. In the 70th minute it went two up through a dipping volley by Greenwood from just outside the 18 metre box.

Although they were held scoreless for the first time in 10 tour games, the Australians were far from disgraced.

Better finishing would have rewarded their tireless efforts but they were desperately unlucky when headers by striker Peter Ollerton (25th minute) and Wilson (82nd minute) hit the cross bar with the Sunderland keeper Barry Siddall stranded.

Disregarding his one lapse skipper Wilson saved the best performance of an outstanding tour for his "homecoming" though only 5000 fans turned up at Roker Park.

Wilson, who was born only a few kilometres from Sunderland, glowed like a beacon in the mist as he broke up countless raids with his strength in the air and tenacious marking.

Match report from the Sunderland Echo, 16/11/1976, page 27

Australia will be hoping for luckier breaks in their bid for a place in the World Cup finals than their Federation side enjoyed in a 2-0 defeat against Sunderland at Roker Park last night.

With only one more game to play on their world-wide tour in preparation for World Cup qualifying ties in January, they found no reward for patience and a lot of skill.

Three times they saw scoring chances slip away as headers and shots came back from bar and post. And it was a further blow when Utjesenovic, their most effective defender, was carried off with a knee injury in the 60th minute.

That was their hard luck story, yet Sunderland were always playing well enough to win it, despite the fact that they contributed their share of errors in the many periods of scrappy play.

They took most of their inspiration in attack from the intelligent play of Kerr, with the industrious and enterprising Rowell giving excellent support.

Clarke was the outstanding performer in defence, with Elliott, a late replacement for Ashurst in the line-up, working smoothly and confidently in the same region.

Brown's pace and challenge tapered off after giving himself a punishing first half, but he still managed to show one or two nice touches and a willingness to chase.

It was Rowell who opened up the proceedings with a fierce shot in the second minute which came back into play from a post and midway through the half Australia balanced accounts when Ollerton headed against the bar from a long ball by Utjesenovic.

Three minutes into the second half, Sunderland finally found a scoring opening and it was Gibb, who was to have an important hand in both of the goals, who started the move.

His cross into the middle was headed on by Greenwood for Rowell, wide on the left, to drive home a left-foot shot off the inside of the far post.

Five minutes later Rowell launched himself into a diving header, but was baulked by Utjesenovic, who was carried off on a stretcher and replaced by Tansey.

During the same break in play, Muniz and Harding were called into the games as substitutes for Nyskohus and Abonyi.

Wilson headed against the bar from a Muniz free-kick in 65 minutes and then Gibb headed on a long ball from Elliott for Greenwood to volley home a second goal in 73 minutes.

With time running out, a lucky deflection sent Harding clear ten yards out, but his shot struck the foot of a post and went behind.

The count finished there, but it could well have been three, for in the 53rd minute goalkeeper Clarke dived to his left to fist away a Rowell penalty awarded for handling against Wilson.

Sunderland: Sidall, Henderson, Bolton, Gibb, Clarke, Elliott, Kerr, Rowell, Brown, Greenwood, and Foggon.

Australia: Clarke, Utjesenovic (Tansey), Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Byrne, Rooney, Nyskohus (Muniz), Kosmina, Ollerton, and Abonyi (Harding).

Referee, Mr.P.Partridge, of Teeside. Attendance, 4,743.

Birmingham City was formed in 1875 as Small Heath Alliance. It was renamed Small Heath in 1888, Birmingham in 1905, and Birmingham City in 1943. As Small Heath they played in the Football Alliance before becoming (in 1892) founder members and first champions of the Football League Second Division. In 1931 the club played in their first FA Cup Final, which they lost to West Bromwich Albion. Birmingham City won the Football League Second Division in 1920-21, 1947-48, and 1954-55 seasons.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. November 1976,			St.Andrew's Stadium, Birmingham, England										9000	
Birmingham City FC (England)..4 v. Australia..1														
half time, Birmingham City..2 v. Australia..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	David "Dave" Latchford						GK	Todd Clarke					
	DF	Garry Pendrey						DF	Jim Tansey					
	DF	Richard "Ricky" Sbragia						DF	Peter Wilson (c)					
	DF	Anthony "Tony" Want						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					
	DF	Arthur "Archie" Styles						DF	Harry Williams				46	
	DF	Kevan Broadhurst						MF	Gary Byrne					
	MF	Terence "Terry" Hibbitt						MF	James "Jim" Rooney					
8	FW	Trevor Francis	26, 53					MF	Agenor Muniz				63	
	MF	Joseph "Joe" Gallagher	19, 60					FW	David "Dave" Harding				63*	
	FW	John Connolly						FW	Peter Ollerton				72	
	FW	Gary Jones						FW	Murray Barnes					
SUBSTITUTES														
									Gary Marocchi				46	
									John Nyskohus				63	
									Attila Abonyi	74			63*	
									Alexander "John" Kosmina				72	
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					
Team Manager		Willie Bell					Assistant Coach		Ron Smith					
Referee							Team Manager		Jim Connell					
Linesman														
Linesman														

Match report by Ray Matts - Birmingham Evening Mail, 17th.November 1976
 Birmingham City's 4-1 win against Australia at St.Andrew's told us nothing we didn't already know.
 Trevor Francis ought to be playing in world Cup soccer ... the Aussies have no chance of winning the game's premier award. Francis's superb contribution to Blues triumph - two goals, two "assists" - highlighted the vast gulf which exists between genuine part-time soccer nations and professionals.
 Australia simply did not have the answer to Trevor's pace, superb skill and finishing finesse.
 The match was sponsored by Qantas, the Australian airline. Maybe they could be talked into selling one of their jumbo jets to entice Francis to emigrate down under ... he would give them a chance of qualifying for the World Cup Finals against China and New Zealand next match. Francis even made Joe Gallagher look like a useful striker. The burly centre-half was tried at centre-forward as an experiment in the absence of Kenny Burns who is on duty for Scotland. And he scored twice in the 19th. and 60th. Minutes after Francis had beaten defenders and pinpointed passes on to his head.
 The Francis goals came in the 26th and 53rd minutes; he also hit the bar and had three other shots brilliantly saved.
 The Australians got a consolation goal through Atti Abonyi, but their 11-match World Cup warm-up tour ended with a soccer lesson provided by Blues... and Francis

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 18/11/1976, page 17
 The Australian Soccer team were beaten 4-1 by Birmingham City in Birmingham last night in the final match of their world tour.
 It was the heaviest defeat of their 11-match tour and there could be no excuses.
 Birmingham turned on a football feast.
 Trevor Francis, their number eight and rated the unluckiest player in England not to win a full international cap, showed why he could command about \$A400,000 on the transfer market.
 Francis was Australia's chief tormentor, ramming in two goals and setting up the others.
 He found gaps in the Australian defence with his skills and split-second timing.
 The Australians trailed 2-0 at half-time after a game display but failed in the second half.
 Their goal came in the 70th minute when Atti Abonyi, an early second-half substitute, headed in a cross by mid-fielder Gary Byrne.
 On their month-long tour the Australians won four matches, lost four (allin Europe) and drew three.

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Fudbalski Klub Crvena Zvezda Beograd is commonly known as Red Star Belgrade.

It was formed on 4th March 1945 during World War II by a group of young men, active players, students and members of the Serbian United Antifascist Youth League.

Red Star was formed on the remains of SK Jugoslavija after all pre-second world war clubs were dissolved by decree of the communist secretary of sport. They were given SK Jugoslavija's stadium, offices, players and even their red and white colours along with the logo with addition of a red star.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. January 1977, 15.30			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales					Hot			40C		16228	
Australia..1 v. Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia)..3														
half time, Australia..0 v. Red Star Belgrade..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Aleksandar "Dika" Stojanović				60	
	DF	George Harris						DF	Nikola "Nikki" Jovanović					
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Branko Radović					
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						MF	Vladislav Bogičević (c)	29, 52				
	DF	Harry Williams						MF	Mile Novković					
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Dušan Nikolić					
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				X		MF	Slavoljub Muslin					
	MF	Agenor Muniz						MF	Petar Baralić				85	
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	Dušan "Duško" Lukić					
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Dušan Savić	34			70	
	FW	Attila Abonyi	70					FW	Srboljub Stamenković				87	
SUBSTITUTES														
		David "Dave" Harding				X		GK	Boško Kajganić				60	
								DF	Zlatko Krmpotić				85	
								FW	Milan Čalasan				70	
								FW	Milan Babić				87	
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Gojko Zec					
Team Manager							Team Trainer							
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic					Team Manager							
Linesman														
Linesman														

Dušan "Duško" Lukić is also shown as Bosko Lukic.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 2, 2/2/1977, page 1 and 6 by Tom Anderson

The Australian Socceroos have forgotten how they won through to the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany!

This was painfully obvious in their 1-3 defeat by Red Star Belgrade at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday.

And just in case national coach Jim Shoulder does not know how Australia won through, I will now tell him.

It was through guts, determination, hard tackling and a well organised defence.

It was through realising the capabilities of the Australian players and playing to their strengths and covering up for their weaknesses.

Last Sunday the Socceroos looked like a load of powder puffs, compared with the no-nonsense hard-tackling team of a few years ago.

On this performance the Socceroos were just not hard enough and not nearly positive enough, so let's hope they adopt a different attitude at Olympic Park on Saturday and in Sydney tonight (Wednesday).

Sure, it's nice to see the ball pushed around in short passes and it looks pretty, but it's not positive and just does not gain results.

And let's face it, at the present time it's not pretty football that is needed - it's results.

Pretty football does not win World Cup preliminary games and this is the whole object of the exercise.

The Socceroos' biggest failing on Sunday was trying to take Red Star on at its own game, which is ridiculous.

For the simple fact of the matter is, Australia is not nearly good enough to do this.

We are only part-time professionals while they are the elite of professional Europe.

So why on earth try it, when most people know it will fail?

The Australians' weaknesses were in their defensive structure, which looked all at sea under pressure.

It seemed as if some players had been given orders to man-to-man mark and others did not bother to mark at all!

Mind you, much of this trouble was caused by the fact that the Socceroos have three attacking midfielders in Jimmy Rooney, Agenor Muniz and Gary Byrne.

This is like committing suicide. There must be a destructive midfielder in the team, and the sooner coach Jimmy Shoulder admits to this, the better.

Either Billy Rogers of South Melbourne Hellas or Ray Richards of Marconi must be brought into the midfield to add some destroying power.

George Harris and Harry Williams did not have the best of games at full back and this left key central defenders Col Bennett and Peter Wilson with far too many gaps to cover.

When they left the middle to cover these gaps, the middle opened up and this played into Red Star's hands.

Up front, Atti Abonyi, Peter Ollerton and John Kosmina tried hard but found the going hard against the tough Red Star defence which was well organised.

Probably the biggest mystery of all was the fact that Red Star's best player - and one of the best in Europe, Vladislav Bogicevic, was allowed the freedom of the Sports Ground.

Bogicevic should have been the Socceroos' number one target and he should have been tailed from the start to the final whistle.

He scored two great goals which I suppose speaks for itself!

There was not a weakness in the Red Star Team. The Yugoslavs know what the game is all about and can handle every situation that pops up.

The opening goal of the game came in the 28th minute when Bogicevic was unmarked in the Socceroos' penalty area and smashed home an unstoppable left-foot shot that Socceroo goalkeeper Todd Clarke did not see.

Their second goal came in the 33rd minute when, with the Socceroo defence all at sea, Dusan Savic shot the ball home in expert fashion.

More was to come after the interval and in the 51st minute, Bogicevic popped up again unmarked to smash another great drive home.

The Socceroos did manage to pull one back in the 65th minute when Atti Abonyi hit home a well-taken free kick.

But by then it was all over bar the shouting.

It is hoped that Jim Shoulder and his team learned by this game and some positive action is taken.

Sure, all the conditions were against playing football (40.4C) but it was the same for both teams.

My advice to Shoulder and his team is - throw away the powder puffs and get some red blooded tackling into your play, for without it, Argentina must be a million miles away!

RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Bogicevic 2, Savic), AUSTRALIA 1 (Abonyi).

Attendance 16,228

Referee - Tony Boskovic.

AUSTRALIA: Clarke, Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Byrne, Rooney (sub Harding), Muniz, Kosmina, Ollerton, Abonyi.

RED STAR BELGRADE: Stojanovic, Jovanovic, Muslin, Radovic, Novkovic, Nikolic, Baralic, Bogicevic, Lukic, Savic, Stamenkovic.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 31/1/1977, page 9 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19770131&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Red Star Belgrade, who only three weeks ago were training in snow, overcame the stamina-sapping heat of Sydney's hottest day for 13 years to beat the Australian Soccer team 3-1 at the Sports Ground yesterday.

Players from both teams repeatedly dashed to the sideline to get water from a bucket, and were forced to change their sweat-saturated shirts at half-time.

"It was murder out there," an exhausted Peter Wilson, the Australian captain, said in the dressing room later.

"You could hardly breathe, and after a few minutes your mouth became so dry you were dying for a drink."

When the Yugoslavs had their last training run in Belgrade early this month it was minus two degrees celcius; yesterday it was 40 degrees celcius (105 Fahrenheit) for much of the match.

The Red Star players, obviously affected by the heat, rarely got out of second gear but had little trouble containing an Australian side in great need of match practice.

Both teams made about the same number of chances, but it was the smoothly professional finishing of the Red Star players that made the difference.

Captain and midfielder Vladislav Bogicevic showed all the class that took him to the 1974 World Cup finals with the Yugoslav team by hammering home two of the best goals ever seen on the Sports Ground.

The first came in the 29th minute when midfielder Branko Radovic built up a movement and passed to Bosko Lukic just outside the penalty area.

Bogicevic, who had been repeatedly slipping away from his markers, ran into an empty space 15 metres from goal and left goalkeeper Todd Clarke helpless with a left-foot drive.

The Australians, who had done most of the attacking up to that point, seemed stunned and never fully recovered.

Gradually flaws appeared in the Australian defence, with left-winger Srdoljub Stamenkovic giving George Harris a merry chase.

Stamenkovic lived up to his reputation as a master controller of the ball by taking on Harris, Wilson and Col Bennett at the one time and leaving all three stranded much to the delight of the predominantly Yugoslav crowd of 18,000.

Red Star's second goal came in the 34th minute when Bennett missed a header to give wily striker Dusan Savic a clear shot at goal from just inside the penalty area.

Six minutes into the second half that man Bogicevic struck again with the goal of the match after again sneaking through the Australian defence to find an open space in the penalty area.

Two minutes after Bogicevic's goal Australia's Peter Ollerton missed a chance with goalkeeper Stojanovic on the ground.

But, Australia had some consolation in the 70th minute when Atti Abonyi took a free-kick from Agenor Muniz and curled the ball around a five-man wall.

The replacement of Ollerton with Murray Barnes and Jimmy Rooney with Dave Harding gave the Australian attack new life, but Australia were made to look better by the Red Star players slowing down to almost a walk towards the end.

Australian coach Jim Shoulder said after the match that he was "pleased and satisfied" with his team's performance.

"This was our first game since November 16, and we were obviously in need of match practice.

"Perhaps it would have been better if we had played a weaker side in a couple of games before taking on Red Star, but we have still come out of this one all right.

Despite Shoulder's optimism yesterday he must be concerned that he now has only four matches - two against Red Star and two against Israel - before Australia meet Taiwan in the World Cup qualifying matches in mid-March.

Shoulder has problems. Not one of his players performed at his top, yet Shoulder said that he will use the same team against Red Star Wednesday night at the Sports Ground.

And with only six weeks until the Taiwan match the Australian coach is forced to stick with the same squad.

FOOTNOTE: Australia's performance yesterday was eagerly watched by New Zealand coach Wally Hughes, who took down oral notes in a cassette recorder during the match. Australia will play New Zealand after Taiwan in World Cup qualifying matches.

RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Bogicevic 2, Savic) bt AUSTRALIA 1 (Abonyi) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: About 18,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
2nd. February 1977, 20.30			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									8252	
Australia..1 v. Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia)..3													
half time, Australia..1 v. Red Star Belgrade..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Boško Kajganić				46
	DF	George Harris						DF	Nikola "Nikki" Jovanović	37			
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Milan Babić				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						MF	Slavoljub Muslin				
	DF	Harry Williams						MF	Branko Radović				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Vladislav Bogićević				
	MF	Agenor Muniz				72		MF	Dušan "Duško" Lukić				86
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	Dušan Nikolić				83
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	Dušan Savić				86*
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Petar Baralić				
	FW	Attila Abonyi						FW	Srboljub Stamenković				46*
SUBSTITUTES													
		David "Dave" Harding	89			72		GK	Aleksandar "Dika" Stojanović				46
									Danilo Mandić				86
									Zlatko Krmpotić				86*
									Dušan "Duško" Ajder				83
									Milan Calasan	70, 72			46*
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Gojko Zec				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Tim Davies											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 3, 9/2/1977, page 2 by Tom Anderson

The Socceroos showed some improvement in their second 1-3 defeat in four days at the hands of Red Star Belgrade at the Sydney Sports Ground.

The Aussies introduced some more physical play into their style and the Yugoslav tourists certainly did not relish it.

After Australia's passive performance the previous Sunday, this aspect of the locals' play was indeed heartening.

Another pleasing aspect was that chances were created by the Socceroos against the tough Red Star defence.

This was mainly caused through the guile of midfielders Jimmy Rooney and Agenor Muniz and deep-playing striker Atti Abonyi.

And if chances are being created, then something is happening and there must be hope for the future.

From the chances that were created, came four glaring misses - from Peter Ollerton, Atti Abonyi and Agenor Muniz.

All four shots went wide of goal and the opportunities were lost.

But I am sure that this bad shooting will be rectified once the Socceroos get more match practice under their belts.

After Sunday's scorching heat, this game was played in perfect conditions, relished by both teams.

The Australians in particular looked a lot livelier and enthusiastic.

However, there is still much work to be done in the defence where lack of concentration is allowing the opposition to drift clear and grab cheap goals.

Red Star players were not being marked tightly enough in the Socceroo penalty area and were allowed time to control the ball and turn with it.

Against top class opposition such as these Yugoslavs this spells danger with a capital "D"!

One or two of the Australian defenders were also guilty of "ball watching" and at times forgot about the men they should have been marking.

These faults are elementary mistakes and in any good defensive structure should not be allowed to happen.

The Socceroos' best period of this game came in the 20 minutes after the interval when they had Red Star in trouble and back on their heels in defence.

Had goals come during this period, it would have been a whole new ball game.

Red Star opened the scoring in the 37th minute when a free kick on the right from Petar Baralic found galloping full-back Nikola Jovanovic in the clear and the big fellow slotted it home.

The second half completely belonged to the Socceroos, even though Red Star did grab two goals.

These came from substitute Mile Calasan who grabbed two for himself within two minutes, midway through the second half.

It was poor marking by Australia rather than good play by the Yugoslavs that allowed these goals.

The Socceroos did get a consolation goal three minutes from the end, when substitute Dave Harding hit a glorious shot that had goal written all over it.

Although this match ended in another reversal for the Aussies, their performance was indeed far superior to that of the opening game on Sunday.

RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Calasan 2, Jovanovic), AUSTRALIA 1 (Harding).

Referee - Tim Davies.

Attendance - 9,000

AUSTRALIA; Clarke, Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Byrne, Muniz, Rooney, Kosmina, Ollerton, Abonyi.

RED STAR BELGRADE; Kajganic, Jovanovic, Babic, Muslin, Radovic, Bogicevic, Lukic, Nikolic, Savic, Baralic, Stamenkovic.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 3/2/1977, page 13

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19770203&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Red Star Belgrade relishing the cool evening, withstood a gallant fightback to beat the Australian Soccer team 3-1 at the Sports Ground last night.

As in last Sunday's match, when both teams struggled against above-century heat, it was the superior professionalism of the Yugoslavs that gave them victory.

Australia had the goalmouth at their mercy at least four times only to see what should have been simple shots go wide.

The guilty men were Atti Abonyi, Peter Ollerton and Agenor Muniz.

"With any luck we could have had a draw," Jim Shoulder, the Australian coach, said later.

"If we can produce some of the stuff we did tonight, in our future matches, it must augur well for our World Cup prospects".

The Australians seemed to have a lot better understanding last night and showed a far greater willingness to tackle.

Their bustling tactics, particularly in the first half, unsettled the Yugoslavs but could not stop them scoring in the 37th minute when a free-kick from Petar Baralic found tall fullback Nikola Jovanovic unmarked just to the left of goal.

Red Star should have had a goal in the 13th minute when left-winger Srbojlob Stamenkovic put the ball in the net only to be ruled off-side by referee Tim Davies.

Red Star captain Vladislav Bogicevic, who scored two powerhouse goals to break Australia's back last Sunday, had a relatively quiet game because of a stomach upset.

But he was still in full control and proved more than a handful for Australia's young number six Gary Byrne, who tried hard and will benefit greatly from the experience.

The second half belonged largely to Australia.

Just when Australia seemed to have Red Star in hand Slavoljub Muslin, one of their best players, broke down the left touchline and passed to Milan Babic.

His curling left foot cross found replacement winger Mile Calasan unmarked near the Australian goal and the ball was quickly in the net.

Two minutes later Calasan again caught the Australian defence napping after a corner and knocked the ball past goalkeeper Clarke, who returned to his brilliant best despite letting in three goals.

Australia were belatedly rewarded for their spirited effort three minutes from full-time when Dave Harding, who had come on to replace Agenor Muniz, pounced on a poor back pass from Jovanovic and hammered it into the net.

Shoulder, always optimistic, said he thought Australia could beat Red Star if given a fair share of luck, and will use the same team again in Melbourne on Saturday night.

RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Calasan 2, Jovanovic) b. AUSTRALIA 1 (Harding). Crowd: 8,252.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
5th. February 1977, 20.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									14020	
Australia..1 v. Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia)..3													
half time, Australia..0 v. Red Star Belgrade..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Bosko Kajganic				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Nikola "Nikki" Jovanović	30			
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Slavoljub Muslin				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Branko Radović				
	DF	Harry Williams						DF	Milan Babic				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Vladislav Bogičević	49			
	MF	Attila Abonyi						MF	Petar Baralic				
	MF	Agenor Muniz				67		MF	Dusan Nikolic				
	FW	James "Jim" Rooney				67*		FW	Dušan "Duško" Lukić	87			
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	57					FW	Dušan Savić				
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	Srboljub Stamenković				81
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Marocchi				67			Zlatko Krmpotić				81
		John Nyskohus				67*							
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Gojko Zec				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Jim Nixon											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 3, 9/2/1977, page 3 and 4 by Laurie Schwab

"There will be no changes to the squad. My players are the best in Australia and we'll qualify for the World Cup finals," said coach Jim Shoulder after the Socceroos had lost 1-3 to Red Star in Melbourne.

Answering a question from the Press, Shoulder said he would definitely use no Victorians apart from Peter Ollerton and Jim Tansey.

These two were the best players in Victoria, he said.

It means that Shoulder will go ahead with his plan to tackle our World Cup opponents without Branko Buljevic, perhaps the finest forward in Australia.

Buljevic was a star in the World Cup team of 1973-74 and his absence from Shoulder's squad remains a mystery.

It's a shame. Alongside Peter Ollerton, who was excellent in the first half, Buljevic would add a lot of variation, skill and surprise to the Australian attack.

The inclusion of Buljevic would be justified even at this late stage of our preparation, but I agree that the remainder of the squad should remain unchanged.

Stability is, after all, a vital element in good performances.

All of the players in the opening line-up proved their worth on Saturday night - including Gary Byrne who, to those who had not had the opportunity of seeing him, appeared still a fringe player.

Byrne was masterful and tenacious in the defensive midfield role once filled by the great Ray Richards.

He must have learned a lot from Richards, for they are team mates at Marconi Fairfield.

It was Attila Abonyi, however, who emerged as the best of the Australian players at Olympic Park.

Playing an attacking midfield role, he relished the room he was given by Red Star, and delighted in showing off his shrewdness and great skill.

The other outstanding performance was that of Ollerton.

Usually confined to a bustling aerial role, Ollerton this time had the room to run into space, play a few one-tuos and show off some of the best passing we have seen from him.

Everything that was good about Australia's play happened in the first half, during which Red Star hung off the ball in defence and rarely tackled.

The Yugoslavs were either a little jaded or confident enough to loaf after having beaten Australia 3-1 in the two games in Sydney.

Of course we must remember that Red Star is not a hard-tackling team.

Its players prefer to drop back and wait for their opponents to lose the ball.

When they attack themselves, they do so with lightning speed to take advantage of the spaces.

If the spaces aren't there, they hold the ball - passing it square or even backwards, waiting for a slip in the opposing defence.

Australia attacks much more slowly. Apart from a couple of one-tuos - usually featuring Abonyi and Ollerton - Australia came forward rather laboriously, allowing Red Star to muster a strong defence.

Unlike Red Star, the Socceroos tend to part with the ball even if they are not sure that it will reach its target.

We're talking about a difference in class . . . a difference that will persist for a very long time, no matter what we do with our soccer.

Much has been written about Australia's so-called new, attacking style.

As I see it, you attack when you have the opportunity, and you defend when you must.

This has always been the case, apart from the three matches in the 1974 World Cup finals, when defence was all-important. If the defence seems a little more brittle than it did then, it is because we have not we have not managed to replace Manfred Schaefer, Col Curran and Ray Richards with men of similar granite-like toughness.

Australia did play attacking soccer in the first half last Saturday - because Red Star presented the space in which to do so.

However, the basic formation from which Australia operated cannot be called an attacking one.

It was a 4-1-3-2 line-up, with Byrne playing as midfielder destroyer in front of the back four, Abonyi pulled back into midfield, and full backs George Harris and Harry Williams doing very little overlapping.

Harris was solid in defence, but he cannot provide the attacking drive that Doug Utjesenovic usually does.

When Utjesenovic recovers from his leg injury, the Socceroos will once again benefit from his deadly accurate, shoulder-high crosses.

Shoulder once again allowed Red Star's playmaker Vladislav Bogicevic to do as he liked on Saturday night.

Bogicevic scored two goals in the first match in Sydney so it was surprising that he was unmarked in Melbourne.

He may not have been at his best, but he still managed to take part in most of his team's attacking moves and scored a goal just after half time, slipping a hopeful lob from Srblub Stamenkovic under goalkeeper Todd Clarke.

Bogicevic was the darling of the crowd because of his great reputation but it was his fellow midfielder Petar Baralic who did Red Star's most valuable work, pushing the ball right and left and spearing it forward for his strikers.

For the first hour, Australia played some of its best soccer.

Ollerton, latching onto a pass from Jimmy Rooney, hit the bottom of the post and then Abonyi, sent through by Ollerton, missed from eight metres.

Australia had another scoring chance when goalkeeper Bosko Kajganic missed Agenor Muniz's corner but full back Milan Babic dropped back to clear off the line.

Red Star finally took the lead after half an hour. Goalkeeper Clarke failed to hold a shot by Bogicevic, and with the defence unable to relieve the pressure, Nikola Jovanovic scored from 10 metres.

Then came Bogicevic's goal, before Australia struck back through John Kosmina who rammed home a spectacular shot from 25 metres, just inside the post.

Bosko Lukic completed the scoring three minutes from the end, shooting wide of Clarke after a dashing solo run.

Israel will present Australia with a different sort of challenge on Saturday.

The Israelis will defend doggedly, tackle fiercely and give Australia little room in which to play.

Australia must win fairly convincingly to create some sort of optimism about our World Cup chances.

Certainly we will beat New Zealand and Taiwan in the first qualifying series next month - but the second stage presents the ominous possibility of having to meet not just Israel, but also Iran, Kuwait and Malaysia.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Kosmina 57th), RED STAR 3 (Jovanovic 30th, Bogicevic 49th, Lukic 87th).

RED STAR: Kajganic; Jovanovic, Muslin, Radovic, Babic; Bogicevic, Baralic, Nikolic; Lukic, Savic, Stamenkovic (Krpmotic 81st).

AUSTRALIA: Clarke; Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams; Byrne,; Abonyi, Muniz (Marocchi 67th), Rooney (Nyskohus 67th); Kosmina, Ollerton.

Referee: J.Dixon.

Attendance: 14,200.

Red Star Belgrade also had the following challenge match.

9th February 1977 South Australia..1 v. Red Star Belgrade..6 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..15,000

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
12th. February 1977, 20.15			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									8000	
Australia..1 v. Israel..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Israel..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Yossef Sorinov				
	DF	George Harris					12		Elimelech Levantel				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					5		Avraham "Avi" Cohen				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					6		Haim Bar				
	DF	Harry Williams					3		Moshe Leon				
	MF	Gary Byrne					10		Moshe Schweitzer				72
	MF	Attila Abonyi				70	13		Meir Nimni			33	
	MF	Agenor Muniz					14		Dani Noiman				
	FW	James "Jim" Rooney					17		Gideon Damti				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				70*			Itzhak Peretz				
	FW	Peter Ollerton							Mordechay Spiegler				72*
SUBSTITUTES													
		David "Dave" Harding				70			Rifaat Turk				72
		Murray Barnes				70*			Jacob Cohen				72*
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		David Schweitzer				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Barry Harwood											
Linesman		Chris Bambridge											
Linesman													

Dani Noiman is also shown as Dani Neuman and Dani Noyman. Moshe Schweitzer (son of the coach) is also shown as Moshe Shani.
Mordechay Spiegler is also shown as Mordechai Spiegler

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 4, 16/2/1977, page 9 by Laurie Schwab

One thing that was painfully obvious in the 1-1 draw at Olympic Park on Saturday night was that Israel has learned a lot more about modern soccer than Australia has in the past few years.

It's not surprising as Israel is much closer to the European influence and has much more opportunity to play against top European sides.

The first thing that strikes you about Israel - apart from its acting ability and tackling power - was the team's flexibility.

Its play may not have been the total football of West Germany, Holland and Czechoslovakia but was a pretty good Mid-East facsimile.

Whereas the Australians appeared confined to the general classification of defence, midfield and attack, the Israelis flowed more easily through the three departments.

Nowhere in Australia do we have a back four man of the flexibility of Eli Leventhal.

Wearing the no.12 shirt (for the benefit of fans who don't know him), Leventhal was the Israel version of Berti Vogts.

He was here, there and everywhere - not overlapping the way we understand it in Australia, but playing a much more total role in the general scheme of things.

Meir Nimni (No.13), the man who was sent off after 33 minutes, typified Israel's easy flow in the first half between defence and attack.

Nimni slotted effortlessly into the middle of the Israel defence, alongside the centre backs Avi Cohen (5) and Haim Bar (6).

Then, suddenly, he'd be in front to shoot at goal.

The same was the case of the coach's son, Moshe Shani, also called Schweitzer (no.10).

Gideon Damti (No.17) was the most skilful forward on the field, scoring the goal for Israel but later hanging back defending as well as the others and lurking ominously to pounce on a quick ball forward.

Of course any reference to Israeli attacks must be put into context. After the first 40 minutes, such attacks were few and far between.

The reason was that the Israelis were gritting their teeth and absorbing every blow Australia could strike. In boxing terms, you'd say that Australia "telegraphed" those blows. Israel was intent on defending

because it had lost Nimni who was sent off by referee Barry Harwood for kicking Harry Williams. At this point, it helps to say something about the Israelis' attitude to this ??ch.

Coach David Schweitzer had made it quite obvious beforehand that he did not regard this as a "friendly" match.

National honor was at stake. What's more, he considers it absolutely imperative that Israel reach World Cup finals.

As a comment on the players' patriotism it suffices to say that they are all past or present soldiers and that anyone who has not served his country in the army is not allowed to play in the national team.

So we had on the field 11 men totally dedicated, totally committed and willing to try every trick to salvage this game.

It was obvious from the opening by the way they threw themselves into tackles that the Israelis were giving absolutely nothing away.

Unfortunately the present Australian squad does not feel the same fanaticism. Perhaps it's not in the make-up of our players.

That doesn't mean of course that they didn't try.

In fact most of them gave it all they had in the second half but instead of being shrewd and calculating, they were more like a herd of demented elephants rushing forward devoid of reason.

Schweitzer said after the match he had not planned to play a defensive game but once the tactical change had been made necessary by the loss of Nimni, all his players obeyed instructions to the letter.

Australian coach Jim Shoulder did not speak of instructions.

He said merely that his players had been too impatient.

Obviously Shoulder told his players to aim at the head of Peter Ollerton but the rest remains a mystery.

I'm taking no credit away from Ollerton. He was great once again - a big, strong, merciless killer; the only Australian with the same fierce bite as his opponents.

But Australia should have varied its play to get around that packed defence.

Free back Avi Cohen, who had a magnificent match, appeared almost like a robot programmed to Australia's high-ball game.

Why didn't Australia slow it down, surrender the midfield on occasions and counter attack after having drawn out some of the defenders?

Why didn't Australia play wider instead of funneling into the middle?

Of course the Socceroos weren't helped any by the poor form of Agenor Muniz who strolled about for the last half hour.

Jim Rooney also had a quiet match, as did John Kosmina.

Harry Williams came good only after half time, but George Harris' forward thrusts were few indeed.

The match has obviously put coach Jim Shoulder into the hot seat.

One paper even suggested he should resign.

He has a chance to redeem himself tonight (Wednesday) in the return match in Sydney, but this time he'll face an Israel team that will be even stronger.

Schweitzer said after the Melbourne game that he had saved his star midfielders Izthak Shum and Uri Malmillian for the second game.

Malmillian scored against Australia in Tel Aviv last October and Shum is a veteran of Israel's 1969 World Cup matches.

Tonight's match will be a much better yardstick by which to measure Australia's World Cup chances.

At full strength, Israel will not be as defensive, meaning Australia's attack will be given the chance to show exactly how much it is capable of achieving.

On the other hand, our defence will also be put to the test.

HIGHLIGHTS

Peter Ollerton provided the first highlight of the match when he smashed a blistering 30-metre shot centimetres over the bar after a build-up by Byrne and Abonyi.

Shortly afterwards came Israel's goal.

Captain Mordchai Spiegler weaved his way down the right flank and cut the ball square into the middle.

Peter Wilson missed it and behind him Gideon Damti goaled unopposed.

In the 58th minute Wilson stormed down the right flank and interpassed with Abonyi who relayed the ball to Ollerton.

The big man took two strides and rammed the ball mercilessly past Sorinov for the equaliser.

In the 67th minute Kosmina went to the line and cut the ball square to the middle. Abonyi dummied and let it roll to Ollerton whose quick shot was blocked by Sorinov who surprised himself as much as Ollerton.

Ollerton struck again, heading Williams' high cross off the goal line into the middle of the area, with Sorinov stranded.

In the 70th minute Shoulder replaced Abonyi with Dave Harding and Kosmina with Murray Barnes.

Israel brought on Tourk and Jakob Cohen and took off Spiegler and Schweitzer.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Ollerton 58th), ISRAEL 1 (Damti 10th).

AUSTRALIA: Clarke, Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Byrne, Abonyi (Harding 70th), Muniz, Rooney, Kosmina (Barnes 70th), Ollerton.

ISRAEL: Sorinov, Leventhal, Abraham Cohen, Haim Bar, Leon, Moshe Shani (Tourk 72nd), Nimni (sent off 33rd), Neumann, Damti, Peretz, Spiegler (Jacob Cohen 72nd).

Referee: Harwood. Attendance: about 8000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. February 1977, 20.30			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									6961	
Australia..1 v. Israel..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Israel..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Yossef Sorinov				
	DF	George Harris							Elimelech Levantel				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)							Avraham "Avi" Cohen				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett							Haim Bar				
	DF	Harry Williams							Moshe "Motsi" Leon				
	MF	Gary Byrne				67			Meir Nimni				
	MF	Agenor Muniz	59						Dani Noiman				67
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney							Moshe Schweitzer				
	FW	Attila Abonyi							Gideon "Gidi" Damti				
	FW	Peter Ollerton							Itzhak "Vicky" Peretz				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina							Mordechay "Motaleh" Spiegler (c)	72			
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Nyskohus				67			Uri Malmilian				67
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		David Schweitzer				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Des Miles											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Yossef Sorinov is also shown as Yosef Sorinov, Elimelech Levantel as Eli Leventhal, Dani Noiman as Danny Neuman, Moshe Schwitzer as Moshe Shweizer and Moshe Schweizer, Itzhak Peretz as Yitzhak Peretz and Mordechay Spiegler as Mordechai Spiegler.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 5, 23/2/1977, page 11 by Tom Anderson

The Socceroos slumped to an all time low in their second clash and 1-1 draw with Israel at the Sydney Sports Ground last Wednesday night. The performance of the Australians was shocking and probably the worst performance by the national team in Sydney for the last 10 years. Israel was no better and the game as a spectacle was a complete flop.

Also the refereeing of Queensland's Des Miles left much to be desired and Miles did not help matters with his sometimes very strange decisions. But the big question on everybody's mind after this debacle is just where does Australia go from here?

The Socceroos are due to meet Taiwan and New Zealand in only three weeks time and the team is performing well below par. It was obvious in this clash that national coach Jim Shoulder must immediately change his thinking and team tactics.

For the present style of play and tactics just are not suited for this team and the players in it.

The Socceroos seemed to be like a boat without a rudder sailing aimlessly around the open spaces of the Sports Ground, not knowing where to go or not knowing how to get there. If ever a team needs pointing in the right direction and given strong leadership and guidance it is Australia at the moment.

And the only man who can do this is coach Shoulder himself.

He has pinned his faith in this squad for the World Cup games - now he must act and get the show back on the road and out of the long dark tunnel it has been allowed to drift into.

After this performance he will have to revert to man to man marking in the defence and to percentage football.

Every club and national team in Europe is using this system and it was the cornerstone Rale Rasic built his ever so successful team.

Shoulder must forget all this nonsense about open football and revert to the tactics and style the players best and know how to play - tight, no-nonsense defensive stuff and rely on the quick break to grab goals.

Sometimes this is not pretty stuff to watch but it's effective and gets results.

Shoulder's present style is not pretty to watch, it is not effective and it does not bring goals!

And with every game that goes by the players are losing confidence which is bad.

The build up of the Socceroos in this second clash was slow and laborious and the midfield apart from the hardworking Jimmy Rooney was non-existent.

Rooney ran his heart out and along with big Peter Ollerton and goalkeeper Todd Clarke he was faultless.

The Socceroos opened the scoring in the 57th minute after Israeli defender Moshe Leon had been cautioned by referee Miles for a foul on Rooney.

Agenor Muniz took the free kick - 25 metres out from the Israeli goal and the ball hit Israeli defender Moshe Shani on the head and deflected into the net.

Shani was one of the players in the defensive wall.

It looked as if the Socceroos were going to chalk up a win at last.

But this was not to be and Mordechai Spiegler once again inflicted his scorn on Australia and grabbed the equaliser.

Striker Vicki Peretz got the ball on the right and drew four Australian defenders towards him.

And with the Aussies all buzzing around him he coolly slipped the ball to Spiegler who crashed it home.

Spiegler was on his own and unmarked and the number of times this has been allowed to happen in the games against Red Star Belgrade and Israel is not funny.

Why players are allowed to roam free by the Australian defence in the danger zone is a mystery that never ceases to amaze me.

Until Shoulder does something about it, goals are going to be lost.

After the match Jim Shoulder said this was the worst performance of the team since he took over.

"We were flat, we were laborious and there is a lot of hard work to be done," he said.

Israeli coach David Schwitzer said that he was quite happy with the draw and was confident that if the two teams meet in the World Cup Israel would win.

Result - AUSTRALIA (Shani og) 1 drew ISRAEL 1 (Spiegler).

Attendance - 7,000.

AUSTRALIA: Todd Clarke, George Harris, Peter Wilson, Col Bennett, Harry Williams, Gary Byrne (Nyskohus sub 67th min.), Agenor Muniz, Jimmy Rooney, John Kosmina, Peter Ollerton, Atti Abonyi.

ISRAEL: Josef Sorinov, Eli Leventhal, Avram Cohen, Helm Bar, Moshe Leon, Meir Nimni, Dani Neuman (Mamilian sub 67min), Moshe Shani, Gideon Damti, Vicki Peretz, Mordechai Spiegler.

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
8th. March 1977,				E.S.Marks Field, Kensington, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Athletic Field)											
Western Suburbs..1 v. Australia..0															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
		Pat Lowrie													
SUBSTITUTES															
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder						
							Team Trainer								
Team Manager							Team Manager								
Referee															
Linesman															
Linesman															

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
13th. March 1977,			Govind Park, Ba, Fiji			Muddy					8000		
Republic of China (Taiwan)..0 v. Australia..3													
half time, Taiwan..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		Chen Hung-chiang					GK	Todd Clarke					
		Choa Chen-chung					DF	George Harris			X		
		Hsu Chih-Hsiang (c)		X			DF	Peter Wilson (c)			X		
		Chen					DF	Colin "Col" Bennett			X		
		Jong Chein-fu					DF	Harry Williams					
		Fang Shin-sing					MF	James "Jim" Rooney	8, 46		X		
		Chang Kuo-chin					MF	Agenor Muniz					
		Lo Chinh-Tsong					MF	Gary Byrne					
		Lee Fu-tsai					FW	Attila Abonyi	16				
		Lin Tsun-tsien					FW	Peter Ollerton					
		You Cheng-Kung					FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina					
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach		Law Pak					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		P.Watana (Thailand)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 8, March 16, 1977, page 3

If the sunshine of the past few days continues, Australia should score at least five goals in its return game against Taiwan tonight (Wednesday).

The Socceroos would then go into their home and away tie against New Zealand on March 27 and 30 with four points and an 8:0 goal difference.

Australia showed all its old sparkle and fire in beating Taiwan 3-0 last Sunday.

The victory broke the Socceroos' run of 11 games without victory.

With all the tension lifted off them, they are now full of confidence and are beginning to feel that despite the odds, they may qualify for Argentina after all.

Probably the most exciting aspect of Australia's victory over Taiwan was the superb form of midfielder Jimmy Rooney who scored two goals and could have got four.

Taiwan lined up with three stoppers, two sweepers and only one man up front.

It was an ultra-defensive set-up that failed miserably as the Socceroos quickly took over every facet of the game.

There will be no changes to the Socceroo team for today's return match.

The team is: Clarke; Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams; Rooney, Byrne, Muniz; Abonyi, Ollerton, Kosmina.

"I'll be disappointed if we don't repeat the performance and win by at least three goals," coach Jim Shoulder said.

"I certainly don't plan on conceding any goals and I'll be very upset if we do."

In Sunday's game forwards John Kosmina and Atti Abonyi found plenty of space up front and cut the Taiwanese defence to ribbons.

Rooney opened Australia's account in the eighth minute when he rammed home a left-footer from a sharp angle following a goal mouth scramble.

The Socceroos went two goals up in the 16th minute through a spectacular overhead kick from Abonyi.

Agenor Muniz floated a corner over and Kosmina headed the ball down on to the turf.

Abonyi, with his back to the goal, caught the ball on the rise and somersaulted as he sent the ball sailing into the net.

Despite continued pressure from the Australians, the score remained 2-0 at halftime.

Rooney, Gary Byrne and Muniz held an iron grip on the midfield while Australia's back four were rock solid although never really tested.

The Socceroos wasted no time in getting on with the job in the second half scoring their third goal after only a minute.

Muniz won a tackle just outside the penalty area, beat more men down the right wing and slotted a cross over the goal mouth. Rooney thundered in at the far post and took himself and the ball across the line.

Three minutes later Muniz curved the ball into the net but the shot was from an indirect free kick and was disallowed, because it went in without touching another player.

Taiwan made two substitutions in the second half while Australia's eleven was unchanged.

The only moment of danger for Australia came in the 75th minute when Wilson, the last man in defence, lost the ball to Taiwanese forward Lee Down-Jia.

The nippy Taiwanese forward, with a clear run at goal, was pulled back by the shirt by the Australian captain.

Wilson received a yellow card for his foul.

After the game coach Shoulder said: "We're very happy with the result. Three-nil in the first of your World Cup matches is a good start."

"A lot of the Taiwanese players are complaining about cramps and the difficulty they had with their breathing because of the high humidity."

"Certainly one or two of our players were very tired and that says a lot for the conditions because they were very very fit indeed going into the match."

Shoulder said the Taiwanese had cleared three or four shots off the line and the Australians had also hit the woodwork twice.

Referring to Rooney, Shoulder said: "I would say he was the man of the match."

"Apart from his two goals he had a third effort cleared off the line. He never stopped working."

"I think other players that deserved a mention would be George Harris . . . he defended very, very well . . . Co Bennett who gave his usual 90 minutes and the two lads up front, John Kosmina and Peter Ollerton who did an awful lot of graft for little reward at the end."

Shoulder added that Jimmy Rooney had been boasting that he wasn't the smallest man on the field: "The tiny Taiwanese made him feel six feet tall," Shoulder said.

Taiwan's coach Law Pak said his team had concentrated on defence but this had been a dismal failure.

New Zealand coach Wally Hughes, who flew in to see the match, said he was impressed with the Soccerroos.

The game was played in miserable weather before a crowd of about 10,000, which was fewer than organisers had hoped for.

There had been a possibility that heavy rain would cause the match to be postponed.

But Fijian officials worked miracles to make the Ba ground playable after almost a week of torrential rain.

The small but speedy Taiwanese had been unimpressive in their build-up matches here and gave themselves little chance of success.

They scrambled a 2-2 draw against Fiji in Suva and after trailing 2-0, drew 3-3 with the local Lautoka side.

Australia had played Taiwan only once previously, for a 3-1 victory in Hong Kong in 1965.

[The 1965 game played in Hong Kong was in fact a match played on 3/12/1965 between the Hong Kong F.A.XI and Australia. A report in The Age, 3/12/1965, page 24 says "The association side is stronger than the Hong Kong national team which defeated Australia 1-0 on Monday because Taiwan internationals will be included."]

match report from The Fiji Times, 14/3/1977, page 32

Australia humbled Taiwan 3-0 at Ba yesterday in the first World Cup soccer match ever played in Fiji.

And afterwards Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder said he was confident that second elimination match on Wednesday.

Australia deserved their victory yesterday from a sustained display of control moves and positional play witnessed by a large crowd.

But Australia were guilty of dangerous tackling and foul play at times.

Three of their players in yesterday's clash were warned by referee Watana, including captain Peter Wilson when he prevented a Taiwan forward from making a clean break by holding on to his jersey.

The move could have been Taiwan's hope for an opening goal.

Australia would have scored more than they did but for the brave Taiwan keeper, Chen Hung-chung.

He brought off save after save under heavy pressure from the Australian forwards.

In the first minute, Taiwan's left wing, Lin Tsun-tien, drew Todd Clarke out of goal and flicked home but Watana disallowed the goal because a Taiwan player was offside.

Australia fought back to force the Taiwanese on defence.

A header by Peter Ollerton after a corner almost put Australia ahead in the fourth minute but it went over.

Taiwan made a few breaks that had Australia running back to defend but their players held on to the ball too long.

The sneaky Jimmy Rooney, a star of Australia's performance, opened the scoring in the fifth minute from a hard 10-yard shot that caught Cheng by surprise.

Australia continued their fast passes and good ball control in the Taiwan goal area and striker Atti Abonyi scored the second goal for a half-time lead of 2-0.

After a long corner kick from his wing, Cheng punched the ball to Abonyi, who smartly shot back into the open goal.

Taiwan made two changes in the second half but could not stop the Australian onslaught.

A disappointing tactic of the Australians was their preventing the small Taiwan men from making clear breaks by holding on to their jerseys or pushing players off the ball.

The third goal came from Rooney after Agenor Muniz crossed and Cheng miscalculated to let the ball roll easily across the goalmouth.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
16th. March 1977,			Govind Park, Ba, Fiji			Muddy					3000		
Republic of China (Taiwan)..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Taiwan..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
		Chen Hung-chiang						GK	Todd Clarke				
		Choa Cheng-chung						DF	Peter Stone				
		Hsu Chih-Hsiang (c)		X				DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
		Jong Chein-fu						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
		Fang Shin-sing	29					DF	George Harris				
		Doe Tson-fu				59		MF	Agenor Muniz				
		Chang Kuo-chin						MF	Gary Byrne				
		Lo Chin Tsong						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
		Fu Po-tsun						FW	Attila Abonyi	58			
		Lee Fu-tsai		X				FW	Peter Ollerton				70
		You Cheng-Kung				79		FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	35			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Lin Tsin-tien		X		59			John Nyskohus				70
		Chang Jen-lin				79							
Team Coach		Law Pak					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		G.Vijit (Thailand)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 9, March 23, 1977, page 2

Australia's coach Jim Shoulder blamed Taiwan's rough tackling for the Socceroos' failure to win their second World Cup match by between three and five goals, as he had predicted.

The score was only 2-1, whereas Australia had won the first match 3-0.

Goals in the second match were scored by John Kosmina and Attila Abonyi and by Fang of Taiwan.

The Taiwanese, who unleashed some blatantly dangerous fouls on Australia, were counting their injured as they arrived in Auckland for their two matches against New Zealand.

Fu Po-Tsun had two cracked ribs, You Cheng-Kung had a cracked right shin bone and Doe Tson-Fu was nursing a bruised face and cut lips and gums.

Three Taiwanese were booked for deliberate fouls on Atti Abonyi and John Kosmina in several ugly incidents in the second half.

The Taiwanese became frustrated with Australia's superior skills in the heavy conditions, and resorted to brutal tactics.

"They showed no hesitation in not just bringing people down but chopping them very hard," Shoulder said.

"I think Kosmina and Abonyi in particular were lucky not to suffer a couple of bad knocks with one or two of the tackles that went in."

The Taiwanese became niggly and provocative - and suffered the consequences against the physically stronger and taller Socceroos.

The Taiwan team's spokesman, Mr. Teng Chi, said Fu would be un????? and You would be out for at least a month.

The Fiji press quoted Taiwan's coach Lew Pak as saying: "The Australians are dirty players".

"They deliberately punch, push, and foul you. It gets the players mad," he was quoted as saying by the "Fiji Sun".

"The two Australian backs (Col Bennett and Peter Wilson) always slide-tackled our boys at the ankle," "The Sun" quoted Law Pak.

"The Taiwanese showed that they know a little more about playing football than I probably gave them credit for," Shoulder said.

"Particularly the fact that they weren't so naïve as a lot of people suspected."

"They showed that they're not all friendship. Some of their tactics were very cynical indeed and would do credit to the most professional teams in the world."

"I think if we do manage to go all the way to the World Cup finals in Argentina next year, we certainly won't play a harder match."

Shoulder said that when Taiwan went ahead 1-0 he wasn't "too worried" because Australia had created plenty of chances.

"Poor Atti. I don't think he's ever missed as many chances in his life as he has in the past couple of matches."

"But we are making the openings and we had what I thought was a perfectly good goal from Peter Ollerton disallowed."

Shoulder said Abonyi's winning goal in the 57th minute came just at the right time.

"I think if it had gone on for much longer we might have started to get a little bit ragged," he said.

"I was just a little bit disappointed that we didn't knock in more of the good chances that we did create."

Taiwan struck its shock blow after 28 minutes when nippy forward Fang latched on to a through-ball and slotted a low shot past Australian goalie Todd Clarke.

It was one of Taiwan's few scoring chances but it was good enough to set the Australians back on their heels momentarily.

The Socceroos struck back seven minutes later, however, when forward John Kosmina headed home an Agenor Muniz corner.

Australia had at least half a dozen good chances in the first half.

Kosmina hit a left-foot drive wide in the sixth minute and Jimmy Rooney, the two-goal hero of the Sunday match, forced a good save from the Taiwanese goalie Chen, a minute later.

Big Peter Ollerton nodded in a Peter Wilson free kick after 10 minutes but was ruled offside.

He got up again to head a long cross from Gary Byrne only inches wide of the post eight minutes later. Abonyi missed a sitter nine minutes before half-time. With only the goalie to beat he pushed the ball past the left post. Just before the interval confusion between defenders George Harris and Col Bennett let the speedy Fang in again, but Harris scrambled back to save the day. Big Bennett shattered the Taiwanese with some boneshaking tackles - most of them fair ones. The score remained 1-1 at half-time. What proved to be Australia's winning goal came 12 minutes after the restart when Abonyi pushed in the decider from a goal mouth malee. Taiwanese defender Doe was carried off injured after the scramble and replaced by Lin. Four minutes later Abonyi was sliced down savagely as he made a brilliant run towards goal. Taiwan's captain Hsu, who had been booked in the Sunday's match, received another caution. A scuffle broke out but was quelled when heavy rain suddenly bucketed down. Muniz was fouled badly two minutes later and the offending Taiwanese, Lin, was booked. Abonyi was brought down again another minute later and this time Lee Fu Tsia was booked. John Nyskohus came on in the 70th minute to replace Ollerton and created some good opportunities. Abonyi had another shot saved by Chen after a beautifully worked move with Nyskohus in the 75th minute. Taiwan made another substitution but in the final stages the Australians, although still attacking a packed defence, were concentrating more on possession of the ball. The game was played before a disappointing crowd of about 3,000. Although the rain of the previous week and a half in Fiji stayed off for most of the game, the players had to slog through the heavy conditions and sapping humidity. Before the match, Shoulder had predicted another win by "at least three goals" - and preferably more. "I'll be disappointed if we don't repeat the performance and win by at least three goals," he said. "I certainly don't visualise conceding any goals. I'll be very annoyed if we do," he added. He was counting on as many goals as possible in case goal difference should decide the outcome of the Oceania tournament. The Australian team was: Todd Clarke, George Harris, Peter Wilson (captain), Col Bennett, Harry Williams, Gary Byrne, Agenor Muniz, Jimmy Rooney, John Kosmina, Peter Ollerton (Nyskohus 70th), Attila Abonyi.

match report from The Fiji Times, 17/3/1977, page 28
The second World Cup match between Taiwan and Australia yesterday almost turned into a punch-up as dangerous tackling by the giant socceroos angered the little Taiwanese minutes in the second half. But the Australians still showed superior soccer to beat Taiwan 2-1 on a heavy Ba pitch. Yesterday's battle turned into a rugged soccer display after a Taiwan player was carried off the field when he suffered a severe knock on the head from a clash with an Australian forward. Both had attempted a header in the Taiwan goalmouth. The incident sparked off Taiwanese anger and almost started a punch-up but the referee averted trouble. Several players on both sides were warned. Former Fiji National coach Sashi Mahendra Singh yesterday warned the Fiji national team to play Australia on Saturday, that they must play their own style of soccer. After watching Australia's hard physical contact into the tackle yesterday. Singh said Fiji must play must play in their own style to prevent a rugged battle. Australians, despite their victory over Taiwan, failed to entertain the crowd with classy soccer. In the second half Australian captain Peter Wilson unsportingly threw the boot of a Taiwan forward off the field when it had come off in a tackle. Wilson was booed by the crowd as the little Taiwan forward leaped off to chase his boot. Nevertheless the spectators were treated to a colourful display of soccer by both sides, especially Australia in the first half. Taiwan gave a much better performance, changing defence into attack. Taiwan's open offensive method worried Australia and they were often forced to defend. Taiwan's renewed spirit led to the first goal by sneaky striker, Chang Kuo-chi in the 20th minute. After a clean break by Taiwan from midfield, he smartly trapped the ball, wove past Peter Wilson and shot home an angled sizzler that Todd Clarke could not save. Chang had two other chances before his well deserved goal but had little support from his linkman. Australia equalised soon after with a John Kosmina header which could have been prevented by defender Lee Fu-tsai. The header came after a corner by Agenor Muniz, the star of Australia's performance. Taiwan held Australia 1-1 at halftime. Little exciting soccer was seen in the second half as play turned rugged. The little Taiwanese had to survive hard tackles from the big Australians. Taiwan bravely kept up their short passing on the ground but the Australians had the edge with their long passing and quick crosses. Australia went ahead just into the second half when Atti Abonyi, after receiving the rebound from a header by Peter Ollerton, drew the defence and shot home. Two changes were made in the Taiwan side through injuries during the match but Taiwan gave away silly penalties themselves from dangerous tackling. Australia strove to add to their score but the Taiwanese defence kept them out. A lot of credit for Taiwan's performance yesterday goes to the goalkeeper Cheng Hung-chian, who bravely stood up to all attacks by the Australians. Taiwan are due to leave for New Zealand on Friday for their elimination matches there.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. March 1977,			Buckhurst Park, Suva, Fiji Stadium				(National)						
Fiji..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, Fiji..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
11	GK	Vula Wate						GK	Allan Maher				
	DF	Delana						DF	Peter Stone				
	DF	Akriva						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
	DF	Jo Tubuna						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
	DF	John Monday					17	DF	Jim Tansey				
		Vinod Chand						MF	Gary Marocchi				
		George Koe (c)				X		MF	Gary Byrne				
	FW	Anand Sami						MF	David "Dave" Harding				
	FW	Jimi Okete	85					FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
		Mike Tuilawa						FW	Murray Barnes				
	FW	Mun Lal						FW	John Nyskohus				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Madhawan				X							
		Mukesh				X*							
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Jim Shoulder						
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee							Bob Khan (Fiji)						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 9, March 23, 1977, page 2

The Socceroos suffered a shock 1-0 defeat against Fiji at the end of their successful World Cup trip.

The Socceroos created plenty of chances but they lacked the decisive finishing - and this time they paid for it.

Fiji's winning goal came only five minutes from the end of the match. There was a scramble just outside the penalty area and the ball broke clear to big forward Jimi Okete who rammed his shot past Australian goalie Alan Maher.

Hundreds of jubilant Fijians invaded the pitch and it was several minutes before Fijian referee Bob Khan could restart play.

Okete spent a few weeks in Australia last year being coached by Johnny Warren.

Australia found it difficult to penetrate the burly Fijian back four of Delana, Akriva, Tubuna and Monday.

And the chances they did manage to create would not go past the agile Fijian goalie Vula Wate.

Australia had three good scoring chances in the first half.

Murray Barnes and John Kosmina worked a quick one-two move in the 18th minute but Kosmina's open shot was blocked from close range by Wate.

Seven minutes later Barnes headed a cross from Peter Stone back to John Nyskohus, who headed over the bar.

Five minutes before half-time midfielder Gary Byrne chipped over the penalty area and Barnes' header was only inches too high.

Fiji had a great chance to go ahead in the 75th minute but forward Mike Tuilawa shot high over the bar from close range.

Australia was unlucky not to score 10 minutes from time when Byrne collected the ball from a corner and chipped a cross over to Nyskohus, whose diving header hit the bottom of the crossbar and was cleared off the line.

Fiji made two substitutions in the second half. Captain George Koe and forward Mun Lal came off for Madhawant and Mukesh.

Australia did not make any substitutions.

After the game angry Australian coach Jim Shoulder would only say: "No comment."

Shoulder had made six team changes in order to give all squad members a game.

"In no way will we be taking it easy. It's a full international and we'll be out to win," he said before the game.

"There's no first eleven and reserve players in my squad. They're all part of a first team squad."

Australian regulars Todd Clark, George Harris, Agenor Muniz, Jimmy Rooney, Peter Ollerton, and Atti Abonyi were on the bench for the match.

This brought Alan Maher, Jimmy Tansey, Gary Marocchi and Dave Harding into the side along with John Nyskohus.

Peter Stone, who had played on the Wednesday because Harry Williams and Tansey were unavailable, was again at right back.

The Australian team was:- Alan Maher, Peter Stone, Peter Wilson, Col Bennett, Jim Tansey, Gary Byrne, Gary Marocchi, Dave Harding, John Kosmina, Murray Barnes, John Nyskohus.

Tansey was finally naturalised in time for the match.

match report from The Fiji Times, 21/3/1977, page 16

Jubilant Fiji goalie Vula Wate and striker Jimmy Okete were carried off the field on Saturday on the shoulders of fans after Fiji scored a well-earned upset by beating world cup Australian socceroos 1-0 at Buckhurst Park.

Fiji played their best performance to date as they harried and pushed the Australians on the defensive through most of the game.

But Australia had their fair share of breaks and it was only the agility of Wate that saved the day for Fiji.

Wate was indeed the man of the match as he brought off save after fantastic save to thwart the Aussie offensive time and again.

Australia went into the attack early and had the Fiji side defending desperately in front of their own goal against striker John Nyskohus, who broke through the Fiji defence but his shot went wide.

Fiji launched a counter offensive minutes later and had the Australians backpedalling until they forced a corner kick.

Anand Sami took the kick and shot a low ball which goalie Allan Maher missed but Fiji striker Jimmy Okete was just a little late and missed a good chance of grabbing an early goal.

The Australian players tried the rough tactics which won them their two games against Taiwan. They elbowed their way through the Fiji players but quick retaliation from the home side soon had them on the defensive.

Fiji penetrated through the Australian defence time and again.

At one point defender Colin Bennett threw a punch at Fiji striker Mun Lal, for apparently no reason at all. But everything was soon smoothed out and the game resumed.

Australia soon turned the tables and made a strong forward rush but Wate was in position and a good dive saved the ball from going in.

Fiji's Anand Sami was a tower of strength on the left wing where he was responsible for getting the Australian players worried a lot as he out-manoeuvred them time and again to set up his strikers.

But there was no real finishing off and this marred many good scoring chances for Fiji.

The second spell started off with Fiji attacking deep into the Australian territory.

Mike Tuilawa had the spectators on their feet soon after when he harassed the Australian players all over the field.

Then suddenly Madhawan got the ball and weaved around an Australian defender before he snapped a shot to Okete who slammed a mighty shot into the net. It was an unstoppable shot.

Fiji took the lead in the 40th minute of the half at 1-0.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
27th. March 1977, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								12120		
Australia..3 v. New Zealand..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. New Zealand..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke						GK	Kevin Curtin				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Anthony Sibley				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	John Houghton				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Adrian Elrick				
	DF	Harry Williams						DF	Ronald Armstrong				
	MF	Agenor Muniz				67		MF	Brian Turner				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Steve Sumner				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						MF	David Taylor				
	FW	Attila Abonyi						FW	Clive Campbell				65
	FW	Peter Ollerton	60, 85					FW	Keith Nelson	4			
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	72					FW	Kevin Weymouth				82
SUBSTITUTES													
		David "Dave" Harding				67			Glenn Dods				65
									Ian Park				82
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Wally Hughes				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Chan Tam Sun (Hong Kong)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 28/3/1977, page 11

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Australia's hopes of qualifying for the World Cup Soccer finals soared with a character-charged second-half revival against New Zealand at the SCG yesterday.

Down 0-1 at half-time, Australia came storming back with two goals by Peter Ollerton and one by John Kosmina to score a handsome 3-1 win.

It was a plucky effort by an Australian team which after 45 minutes had left its supporters in the depths of despair.

"If they ever start to believe in themselves they will be a damn good side," said coach Jim Shoulder of his Australian players.

"They did what they had to do - they stuck at their job."

A crowd of 12,120 saw Australia struggle pathetically during the first half after Keith Nelson had sent New Zealand ahead within three minutes.

But while most critics were busy searching for the appropriate epitaph with which to farewell the 1978 World Cup bid, the Australian players were far from finished.

Spurred by marauding full-back Harry Williams who took full charge of the left flank, the Australians replaced their early ineptitude with purpose and control.

Two first-half shots which hit the woodwork were the closest Australia came to scoring despite their dominant share of possession.

But the picture changed dramatically when a sliding shot from Ollerton found the net for the equaliser after a perfect cross from Williams.

The New Zealand composure gave way, and even their ultra-defensive tactics were no match for the revitalised Australians.

Two great goals pulled the rug from under the New Zealanders and left them needing to win in Auckland on Wednesday night to stop Australia's surge into the next round of the Cup.

The first came from John Kosmina, midway through the second half, and was a lesson in tenacity.

He received the ball inside the New Zealand half, fought off hefty tackles by Ron Armstrong and Adrian Elrick, beat another defender and then steered his shot home from 12 metres out.

Seven minutes later, Kosmina set up Ollerton's second goal with a cross to the unmarked striker who ran the ball into the penalty area, measured his shot and left goalkeeper Kevin Curtin helpless.

The New Zealanders, who had come to Sydney firmly believing in themselves, were shattered.

"Our tactics in the second half were wrong," admitted crestfallen New Zealand coach Wally Hughes.

"We expected a hard game, but we made too many mistakes while Australia switched play and knocked the ball about very well."

But while the Australians have every reason to feel confident as they head off to New Zealand today, they will need to tighten up in several areas, notably the central defence.

Col Bennett was unusually shaky in the vital stopper's role, conceding New Zealand's shock early goal when beaten in the air by Nelson, and almost conceding a second when he slipped and failed to pick up a back pass from Peter Wilson.

Gary Byrne in midfield also courted danger constantly with short and ineffectual passes.

But on the credit side there were tigerish displays from Williams and right-back George Harris, from the big-hearted Jimmy Rooney and from Kosmina and Ollerton.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Ollerton 2, Kosmina) beat NEW ZEALAND 1 (Nelson). Crowd: 12,120

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying 1st. Round, Group 5													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
30th. March 1977, 19.30			Newmarket Park, Auckland, New Zealand								11000		
New Zealand..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, New Zealand..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Kevin Curtin						GK	Todd Clarke				
	DF	Anthony Sibley						DF	George Harris				
	DF	John Houghton						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
	DF	Adrian Elrick						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
	DF	Ronald Armstrong						DF	Harry Williams				
	MF	Brian Turner						MF	David "Dave" Harding				
	MF	Steve Sumner						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
	MF	David Taylor						MF	Gary Byrne				
	FW	Glenn Dods						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
	FW	Keith Nelson	34					FW	Peter Ollerton	18			
	FW	Kevin Weymouth				49		FW	Attila Abonyi				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ian Park				49		GK	Allan Maher				
									John Nyskohus				
									Peter Stone				
									Jim Tansey				
									Agenor Muniz				
Team Coach		Wally Hughes					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Cheung Kwok Kui (Hong Kong)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 11, April 6, 1977, page 5

"Heroes every one of them" - is the only way to describe the Australian World Cup Soccer team after its 1-1 draw at Newmarket Park, Auckland last Wednesday!

This draw won the Oceania series for the Socceroos and takes them into the final Asian elimination round of the 1978 World Cup.

And it is highly unlikely that the Aussies will have to play in a harder or tougher or more tense struggle than this one on the narrow, bumpy Auckland ground.

The Kiwis played like men possessed in front of their own supporters.

They threw caution to the wind and came forward in waves like a marauding bunch of renegades!

But the Aussies stood firm and the discipline and self control of the team was magnificent.

The hero of the hour was skipper Peter Wilson - a giant among giants.

This was probably Wilson's finest hour and he led by example and rallied his troops reminiscent of Montgomery at the battle of El Alamein!

On this small pitch the Socceroos were never allowed - because of the conditions that prevailed and the New Zealand dervishes - to play an open game as they had in the second half at the Sydney Cricket Ground the previous Sunday.

However they got off to a great start when midfielder Gary Byrne put big Peter Ollerton through to open the scoring in the 18th minute.

It was a fine goal and showed the big fellow at his scoring best.

However, the Kiwis fought back and capitalised on a mistake in the Australian defence in the 34th minute to equalise through their busy little striker Keith Nelson.

Then the battle was on and there were no holds barred. No quarter asked for and no quarter given.

And although New Zealand had most of the territorial advantage in the second half they did not - or to be more precise - were not allowed to create any scoring chances.

Watching the Socceroos perform during this period, when under intense pressure, made one proud to be an Australian.

For here was a team dedicated to its task and never did it look like surrendering.

After this performance by the Socceroos, Argentina is not just a dream. It is now a stark reality!

NEW ZEALAND 1 (Nelson 34th) AUSTRALIA 1 (Ollerton 18th)

AUSTRALIA: Clarke, Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Harding, Rooney, Byrne, Kosmina, Ollerton, Abonyi.

NEW ZEALAND: Curtin, Sibley, Houghton, Elrick, Armstrong, Turner, Sumner, Taylor, Dods, Nelson, Weymouth.

Middlesbrough were founded on 18th February 1876 and won the FA Amateur Cup in 1895 and again in 1898. The club turned professional in 1889, but reverted to amateur status in 1892. They turned professional permanently in 1899 and after three seasons they won promotion to the Football League First Division, where they would remain for the next 22 years. Three seasons later they won the Division Two title but their tenure back in the top flight lasted only one season and the club was relegated. They were promoted at the first attempt in 1928-29, winning another Second Division title. The club remained in the First Division until 1953-54 when they suffered relegation. After a fourth-place finish in 1962-63, the club endured a steady decline and were relegated to the Third Division in 1966. Middlesbrough returned to the second flight at the first attempt and in the 1973-74 season they returned to the First Division under manager Jack Charlton.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance	
5th. June 1977, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									6254	
Australia..0 v. Middlesbrough FC (England)..5													
half time, Australia..0 v. Middlesbrough FC..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Terry Eaton						GK	Patrick "Pat" Cuff				
	DF	George Harris						DF	John Craggs				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Ian Bailey				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Graeme Souness	52			
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Stuart Boam (c)				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding				70		MF	Alan Ramage				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Anthony "Tony" McAndrew	10			
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney						FW	David Mills				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	John Hickton	30, 70			73
	FW	Peter Ollerton						FW	William "Willie" Maddren	88			
	FW	Attila Abonyi				70*		FW	David Armstrong				73*
SUBSTITUTES													
		Peter Stone				70			Alfred "Alf" Wood				73
		John Nyskohus				70*			Alan Walsh				73*
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Jim Greenhalgh				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Neal				
Referee		Richard Lorenc											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 20, June 8, 1977, page 1 and 6 by Tom Anderson.

If 1974 World Cup star Ray Richards is not brought back to the Socceroo squad immediately, then Australia can forget all about the 1978 finals in Argentina.

This was made painfully clear at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday when the Socceroos were humiliated 5-0 by Middlesbrough.

If ever a strong-tackling, dominating midfielder was needed it is now to add force and purpose to a pedestrian midfield combination.

Facts must be faced. The present national team cries out for a "strong man" in midfield.

The present midfielders are all useful but most are attacking, constructive players, not destructive ones.

Against good sides like Middlesbrough the lack of destructive midfielders is exposed to the limit and one hates to think what will happen in Tehran, Seoul and Kuwait if the problem is not righted.

Certainly it is too late at this eleventh hour for national coach Jim Shoulder to make wholesale changes in his squad.

Nobody would expect him to, but the inclusion of Richards is a necessity.

In the Middlesbrough game, English midfielders Graeme Souness, Tony McAndrew and Willie Maddren all scored goals.

When Tottenham Hotspur were here its midfielder Ralph Coates ran riot.

When Red Star Belgrade came here its star midfielder Vladislav Bogicevic ran us into the ground and scored.

It was the same during the recent Israeli visit when Mordechai Spiegler starred in Sydney, and again when Sunderland visited and Bryan "Pop" Robson caused all the trouble.

These facts go to show we have a problem that must be righted immediately.

Richards is having one of his best seasons ever with Marconi and on form, along with Jimmy Rooney is the best midfielder in Australia.

Yet because he played in 1974 and because he is regarded as "too old", which to me is ridiculous, Richards is being overlooked.

This should be rectified immediately and Richards should get his recall for the game against Hong Kong in Adelaide.

Sunday's loss - our biggest of the decade - was a disaster for the Socceroos and it must have dented their confidence for the coming World Cup games.

At no time did they look as if they could match Middlesbrough, far less defeat them.

Because of the weakness in midfield, the defence was swamped and there was no way it could have held out against the Middlesbrough attacks.

Stand-in goalkeeper Terry Eaton, who replaced the injured Alan Maher had a dreadful afternoon and will want to forget it in a hurry.

Up front, apart from John Kosmina, the attack did not function and was easy pickings for the Middlesbrough defence.

Obviously coach Shoulder will have to make changes for tonight's (Wednesday's) game against Bobby Charlton's XI in Melbourne.

What he will do with the midfield is anybody's guess but there have to be changes in this department.

Sunday was a sad day for Australian soccer and the future will become even sadder if such things continue to happen.

Let's not forget that since 1970, we had never lost a match by as much as 0-5. Even West Germany, the world champions managed only 3-0 against us - and that was in the World Cup finals.

AUSTRALIA 0 MIDDLESBROUGH 5 (Hickton 2, Maddren, McAndrews, Souness) at the Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 6,254.

AUSTRALIA: Eaton, Harris, Bennett, Wilson, Tansey, Harding (sub. Stone 70), Byrne, Rooney, Kosmina, Ollerton, Abonyi (sub. Wood 73).

MIDDLESBROUGH: Cuff, Craggs, Bailey, Maddren, Boam, Souness, McAndrew, Mills, Hickton (sub. Walsh 73 min), Ramage, Armstrong (sub. Wood 73).

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 6/7/1977, page 20

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Don't Cry For Me Argentina, on top of the pop charts, could well become the theme song of the Australian Soccer team after their 5-0 defeat by Middlesbrough at the Sports Ground yesterday.

The English first division team, renowned for their defensive tactics, turned on a thoroughly professional and surprising display of attacking football.

The midfield became the domain solely of the big men of the Boro; their superiority was so obvious as to be embarrassing.

Australian captain Peter Wilson, asked whether he thought his team would reach the World Cup finals in Argentina next year, forlornly shrugged his shoulders, sighed and said: "Not if we have to play any more teams like Middlesbrough."

"It's time to stop making excuses," he said. "You saw, everyone saw, the way we played. They were too good. We, well, you saw how we played . . ."

Indeed, it was a disaster for a national team who have only one more game - against Bobby Charlton's All Stars in Melbourne on Wednesday - before they play their first World Cup Asian Zone match against Hong Kong in Adelaide on July 10.

Australia were outclassed in skill, tackling, marking, determination, finding space; indeed in every aspect of the game.

The one saving grace for Australia was the fact that Middlesbrough played exceptionally well.

"It was a tremendous performance," said their new manager, John Neal.

"You can't be too hard on Australia. Jimmy Shoulder has problems but if he has a film of the game he can go over it with the lads and see where they went wrong."

Shoulder said later that he did not have the match recorded on film.

Midfielder Tony McAndrew showed how professionals earn their living by slamming a low shot from the edge of the penalty area past Eaton, after a back-header by Willie Maddren in the ninth minute, to start the Middlesbrough blitz.

The English team, man for man eight or nine centimetres bigger than Australia, quickly hustled the locals into errors with shadow-like marking and clever, first-time passing.

They seemed more at ease on the greasy Sports Ground surface, saturated in the morning by rain, and went two ahead in the 30th minute when striker John Hickton dived to head a superb cross by winger David Armstrong into the net.

Australia had their chances, notably a hard low drive and two fine headers by hard-running striker John Kosmina, but each time goalkeeper Pat Cuff was equal to the occasion.

Middlesbrough went three ahead when midfielder Graeme Souness ran onto a John Craggs free-kick in 52 minutes.

Shoulder replaced Atti Abonyi and Dave Harding with John Nyskohus and Peter Stone in the 70th minute but 60 seconds later Middlesbrough notched number four when another Craggs free-kick was headed home by Hickton for his second goal after a weak clearance by Eaton.

A minute from the end Maddren hooked a loose ball first time with his left foot from 25 metres out to almost tear the netting off the goal and complete the rout.

MIDDLESBROUGH 5 (Hickton 2, McAndrew, Souness, Maddren) b. AUSTRALIA 0 at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 6,254.

Middlesbrough FC also had the following challenge matches.

29th.May 1977 Victoria..0 v. Middlesbrough FC..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..5,500

1st.June 1977 South Australia..1 v. Middlesbrough FC..2 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..6,500

6th.June 1977 Wollongong City..1 v. Middlesbrough FC..2 at Woonona Oval, Wollongong, New South Wales

10th.June 1977 Western New South Wales..0 v. Middlesbrough FC..10 at Lithgow, New South Wales

12th.June 1977 Western Australia..1 v. Middlesbrough FC..3 at Perry Lakes Park, Perth, Western Australia Attendance..3000

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. June 1977, 20.15			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									10000	
Australia..2 v. Bobby Charlton's All Stars..1													
half time, Australia..2 v. Bobby Charlton's All Stars..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Alex Stepney				
	DF	George Harris							Chris Lawler				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)							Jack Charlton				71
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett							John Hurst				
	DF	Jim Tansey							Tony Dunne				
	MF	Murray Barnes	20						Tommy Smith				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding	27(pk)						Alan Ball	78			
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				70			Bobby Charlton				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina							Ian Callaghan				
	FW	Peter Ollerton							Brian Kidd				
	FW	John Nyskohus							Peter Lorrimer				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Marocchi				70			Ralph Coates				71
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		David Yelland											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 21, June 15, 1977, page 3 by Laurie Schwab

After seeing the recent Victoria v. Middlesbrough debacle, the fans could not have been blamed for never again coming to Olympic Park, but 10,000 of them did turn up last Wednesday night and none of them left disappointed.

They saw Australia and the Bobby Charlton All-Stars turn on one of the most entertaining matches we've seen at Headquarters.

The match had everything - glamor, countless scoring chances, enthusiastic running and most important, it resulted in a home victory - 2-1 for the Socceroos.

Bobby Charlton, who assembled the All-Stars and promoted their tour, said he might do it again next year.

He said the All-Stars got a crowd of 9000 crowd in Iceland where they lost 2-5 to the national team, 10,000 in Copenhagen where they beat a select team 4-2 and 22,000 in Hong Kong where they drew 2-2 with the colony's World Cup team.

We spoke with Charlton before the game. Readers interested in what he said afterwards are free to ring Olympic Park. We'd tell you, but the Olympic Park officials wouldn't let the Press into the dressing rooms.

Bobby Charlton and his players headed for New Zealand the day after the game and then it was on to Honolulu for a few days' holiday before flying to Oslo for more games.

The All-Stars party comprised: Alex Stepney (Manchester United), Chris Lawler (Liverpool), Tommy Smith (Liverpool), Jack Charlton (ex-Leeds, now retired), John Hurst (Oldham), Tony Dunne (Bolton), Ian Callaghan (Liverpool), Alan Ball (Southampton), Peter Lorimer (Leeds), Brian Kidd (Manchester City), Ralph Coates (Tottenham Hotspur), Ray Treacey (West Brom), George Woods (Blackpool), Allan Suddick (Stoke), and Bobby Charlton (ex-Manchester United and Preston North End).

Their match in Melbourne - the only one in Australia - gave the Socceroos their last work-out before resuming their World Cup qualifying campaign against Hong Kong in Adelaide on July 10.

Australia's star was once again Brisbane Lions' burly centre back Col Bennett who had also been outstanding in the Socceroos' 0-5 loss to Middlesbrough the previous Sunday in Sydney.

Goalkeeper Alan Maher deserved praise as did Peter Wilson and left back Jim Tansey who had one of his best games.

Murray Barnes, in the team ahead of Gary Byrne, was a resounding success in the first half and battled on gamely even when the All-Stars swamped Australia after the interval.

He moved forward to support the strikers and dropped back to help the defenders. The other two midfielders, Jimmy Rooney and Dave Harding, did not do this as well as Barnes.

It was good to see Bennett, Barnes and Tansey doing so well. They are rarely in the international limelight.

Australia's forwards - Peter Ollerton, John Nyskohus and John Kosmina - were prominent in the first half. Some snappy play, especially by Kosmina, enabled them to break the All-Stars' defence often with through balls but hesitancy cost them goals.

They played well for the goals they missed and scored a goal they had not really played for when Barnes struck the ball hard and low into the net from a poor clearance after a corner.

The second goal came from a penalty converted by Harding after referee Dave Yelland had spotted an infringement on Kosmina who went up for a high ball with three defenders.

The All-Stars' defence was very sloppy in the first half. They did not mark the forwards and did not chase opponents in midfield.

They were lucky that Jack Charlton played so well. Every high ball was high.

Trailing 0-2 at half time, the All-Stars pulled themselves together and came back full of fight.

The incredible Brian Kidd, who had played a lone hand in attack during the first half, was now given support from Peter Lorimer, overlapping left back Tony Dunne, midfielder Alan Ball, Ralph Coates when he came on to replace Jack Charlton, and especially Ian Callaghan.

They over ran Australia's midfield and applied incredible pressure on the defence but Bennett and his men, well backed up by Maher, managed to preserve Australia's lead, although the All-Stars finally managed to reduce the leeway.

It was a good goal, scored by Alan Ball from a short pass by Bobby Charlton after a cross from Dunne.
Yet while the All-Stars were applying the pressure in the second half, Australia still managed counter-attacks and could easily have scored from two of them.
Kidd was the man of the match. This fantastically skilful player did everything but score - and he was dead unlucky not to get at least one goal.
Some of the misses in this game were quite unbelievable and the culprits were on both teams.
Quite clearly, Australia will pay harshly if it misses chances like this in its World Cup matches.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. July 1977,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia									18000	
Australia..3 v. Hong Kong..0													
half time, Australia..1 v. Hong Kong..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Chu Kwok-kuen				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Chan Fat-chi				65
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Choi York-yee				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett							Lai Sun-cheung				
	DF	Harry Williams							Chan Sai-kan				
	MF	Murray Barnes	46						Tsang Ting-fai				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding							Li Kwai-hung				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney							Wu Twok-hung (c)				
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	27, 84						Kwok Ka-ming				
	FW	Peter Ollerton							Cheung Ka-ping				
	FW	John Nyskohus							Lau Wing-yip				45
SUBSTITUTES													
									Chung Chor-wai				65
									Sze Kin-hai				45
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Franz van Balkom				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Walter Hungerbühler (Switzerland)					Team Manager		Chi Chung-lo				
Linesman		B.Della Bruno (Switzerland)											
Linesman		A.Faure (Switzerland)											

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 25, 13/7/1977, page 7

Australia won't get to the World Cup finals with the type of soccer it played against Hong Kong at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, last Sunday.

A team with stronger forwards than Hong Kong's would have made Australia pay dearly for its mistakes in defence and midfield.

Australia's play was far too slow and only one of the forwards - John Kosmina - could beat the opposing defenders.

The 3-0 result is the highest in the group so far, but consider this.

Australia got three goals following a plan of all-out attack, with the advantage of playing at home, while Iran scored two against Hong Kong while playing defensively away from home.

A one-goal difference in those circumstances is slim indeed.

Yet the 3-0 win would have been beyond reproach had the Socceroos also played good soccer, which they didn't.

Very few chances were created with constructive play. Instead, the chances that there were resulted mainly from mistakes by the Hong Kong defence.

Hong Kong coach Frans van Balkom, the former Ringwood Wilhelmina player and Caulfield City coach, said after the game: "We made it easy for them. We held them tremendously well up to the first goal.

The second goal, a minute after half time, wrecked our morale and after that I thought we'd lose by much more than three."

"Australia didn't play well but did enough to beat us. I don't think the Australian players are very fit."

Van Balkom repeated his earlier statement that Iran and Australia must be regarded as equal favorites to win the group, and that Mario Zagalo's Kuwait is the dark horse.

Asked about South Korea, he said: "Australia will find it very difficult to win in Seoul."

The Socceroos owed more to the 18,000 spectators who squeezed into Hindmarsh Stadium like sardines into a can.

Midfielder Dave Harding, striker John Kosmina who scored two goals and left back Harry Williams were the only Australian players who rose above the ordinary.

Their ability was matched by three Hong Kong men - centre back Choi York Yee who marked big Peter Ollerton effectively, captain Wu Twok Hung who alternated between defence and attack like Australia's Jimmy Mackay of old.

The Socceroos were bigger and stronger than the little Chinese. If they'd had the same speed as Hong Kong, they would have looked twice as good.

The speed of John Nyskohus who was Attila Abonyi's shock replacement, was nullified in the first half by the tight marking of Chan Fat Chi and even when he broke away after the interval, Nyskohus figured in only two or three good attacks.

It gets more and more puzzling that Victoria's brilliant Brank Buljevic is not included in the squad - even as a reserve - despite the calls of leading coaches and many of the Socceroos themselves!

Captain Peter Wilson, usually solid as steel in defence, was shaky this time and new midfielder Murray Barnes showed little flair despite his great 25-metre goal.

That goal, Australia's second, came only a minute after half time, and removed the last shreds of confidence from the Hong Kong team.

The first goal had been scored in the 28th minute.

A snappy build-up started with a pass by Wilson to Harding who ran cross-field and delivered the ball to Jimmy Rooney who speared it out to Harry Williams on the left.

Williams sent over a high cross and the Hong Kong defence cleared it short to the feet of Harding.

Harding took a shot at goal but the ball hit the feet of Kosmina who recovered quickly, and rammed the ball into the net.

The third goal came six minutes from the end.

Rooney's free kick found Ollerton who slammed the ball against the post. It bounced out to Kosmina who goaled from close range.

Kosmina also had the ball in the net in the 19th minute.

It was Ollerton who headed it down to him but to do so, he climbed onto Choi York Yee's shoulders so referee Walter Hungerbuhler had blown the whistle before Kosmina's shot landed in the net.

When Wilson fouled Cheung Ka Ping on the edge of the penalty area in the 23rd minute, Hungerbulher, an excellent referee, awarded Hong Kong a free kick which captain Wu Twok Hung lobbed just wide of the top corner.

Jimmy Rooney, who was in and out of the play, tried a quick snap shot on a surprise ball but goalkeeper Chu Kwok Kuen, known as "Golo", saved well despite a hard challenge by Kosmina.

There was a short hold-up as a dog dashed onto the field and expertly took the ball on a long dribble with his nose.

Ollerton, the most tightly-marked man on the ground, hit the bar from a cross by Williams in the 57th minute. Luck had been against Ollerton for so long. Surely it can't last much longer.

Down 0-2, van Balkom decided to strengthen his forward line, so he brought on Chung Chor Wai for full back Chan Fat Chi.

It was not a successful move for Chan's opponent, John Nyskohus suddenly had as much room as he wanted.

After Australia's third goal, Hong Kong had two excellent chances to make the result more respectable.

First Cheung Ka Ping shot from inside the penalty area, but was foiled by Maher.

Then a minute from full time, Li Kwai Hung shot over the bar from FIVE METRES after collecting Maher's punched clearance from Chung's free kick.

Australia 3 (Kosmina 2, Barnes); Hong Kong 0, at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

Attendance: About 18,000.

AUSTRALIA: Maher, Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Barnes, Harding, Rooney, Kosmina, Ollerton, Nyskohus.

HONG KONG: Chu Kwok Kuen, Chan Fat Chi (Chung Chor Wai 65th minute), Choi York Yee, Lai Sun Cheun, Chan Sai Kan, Tsan Tin Fai, Li Kwai Hung, Wu Twok Hung, Kwok Ka Ming, Cheung Ka Ping, Lau Wing Yip (Sze Kin Hai, half time).

World of Soccer Cup													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
20th. July 1977, 20.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								10752		
Australia..3 v. Arsenal (England)..1													
half time, Australia..1 v. Arsenal..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Allan Maher					1	GK	Jimmy Rimmer				
2	DF	George Harris					2		Pat Rice (c)				
4	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					3		Sammy Nelson				
3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					4	MF	Richie Powling				12
5	DF	Harry Williams					5		David O'Leary				
6	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					6		William Young				
7	MF	David "Dave" Harding	61				7		Liam Brady				
8	MF	Murray Barnes				76	8		Alan Hudson				
11	FW	John Nyskohus				72	9		Malcolm Macdonald				
9	FW	Peter Ollerton	70				10		Frank Stapleton				
10	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	22				11		George Armstrong	51			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Peter Stone				76			John Matthews				12, 50
		Peter Sharne				72			Graham Rix				50
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Terry Neill				
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman		Richard Lorenc											
Linesman		Barry Wilkinson											

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 27, July 27, 1977, page 7 by Tom Anderson

This was Australian soccer's finest hour since we qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany!

It was like that wonderful 1973 night in Hong Kong when Australia defeated South Korea 1-0.

Only this time the Socceroos had the satisfaction of beating the pride of England's professionals - the Arsenal!

And it was a victory well deserved - one that laid to rest for all time the myth that the Australian team is way behind the top European sides in skill and technique.

For at the Sports Ground the Socceroos gave Arsenal a thrashing and by the end of the game the Gunners had thrown in the towel and admitted defeat.

The simple fact of the matter is that the Socceroos were too fast, too strong and too skilful for the Englishmen.

They put it together for 90 minutes and there was not a weak link in the side.

The defence was solid, the midfield was creative and the striking combination was dangerous and fast.

The crowd loved every minute of the action and in the end were chanting:"We want more goals" as the yellow shirts surged forward.

National coach Jim Shoulder was a proud man after the game.

"We have been threatening to do this for quite some time and it really happened tonight," Shoulder declared after the game. "After this marvellous win the players must now really believe in themselves and it should put us in good stead for the coming World Cup game against Iran."

Arsenal coach Terry Neill threw up his hands and declared that on the night Australia was the better team.

"What can I say? We were beaten by the better team on the night," Neill declared.

"I always had respect for this Australian team and now even more so after this has happened."

Arsenal played like a team of individuals and at times there was too much "bitching".

A number of their leading players seemed mor concerned with having a go at one another rather than concentrating on the task of trying to beat Australia.

But the operative word of course was "trying" for on the night I don't think that even the great Liverpool could have beaten our boys!

The Socceroos opened the scoring in the 21st minute when John Kosmina was on hand to blast home a well-taken Jimmy Rooney free kick.

It was a replica of the third goal scored against Hong Kong in the World Cup game in Adelaide.

Arsenal equalised in the 60th minute when George Armstrong scored from close in and it looked as if the Socceroos had lapsed into another bout of their lack of concentration which has been a bad aspect of their play over recent months.

But this was not to be and the Socceroos surged forward and scored two more fine goals through John Nyskohus and Peter Ollerton.

It was a great night for Australian soccer - one on which our game came of age once and for all!

AUSTRALIA 3 (Kosmina, Nyskohus, Ollerton) ARSENAL 1 (Armstrong). At the Sydney Sports Ground - crowd - 10,752.

AUSTRALIA: Maher; Harris, Bennett, Wilson; Williams, Rooney, Harding, Barnes (sub Stone); Nyskohus (sub Sharne), Ollerton, Kosmina.

ARSENAL: Rimmer, Rice, Young, Powling (sub Mathews, sub O'Leary), Nelson, Brady, Hudson, Price, Armstrong, Macdonald, Stapleton.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 21/7/1977, page 26

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The Australian Soccer team, made up of part-time players, turned on an outstanding and inspired display to thrash the professionals of Arsenal 3-1 at the Sydney Sports Ground last night. The Gunners of Arsenal had no answer to the Australian blitz.

Australia were too fast, too strong and, incredibly, too skilful for this English first division team which went into the match as clear favourites.

"It's about time we did that and put it all together," Australia's elated coach, Jimmy Shoulder, said afterwards.

"We've been threatening to do that for a long while. For the first time since our world trip last year, we concentrated for the full 90 minutes."

"The players now are in the right frame of mind and our remaining World Cup games to reach Argentina will be easy."

It was a performance so full of superlatives that Shoulder could not single out any players for special mention.

"They all played their hearts out. I'm proud of each and every one of them," he said.

But most of the disappointing crowd of 10,752 had no doubt about Australia's hero.

It was little Jimmy Rooney, the 5ft 6in midfielder, whose tiny legs must have covered the length of the field a hundred times.

Rooney was in a class by himself in the midfield. His crafty running into open spaces, his fierce determination in defence and "computer-measured" long kicks, will long be remembered by the Arsenal players.

Fittingly, Australia's first goal came from a Rooney free kick in the 21st minute when striker John Kosmina left the defenders napping and blasted the ball a second time past keeper Jimmy Rimmer.

Arsenal should have scored earlier when young Irish international Frank Stapleton badly miskicked a volley with the Australian goalmouth open.

They lost midfielder Richie Powling with a badly twisted ankle in the 10th minute, and later lost his replacement, John Matthews, with a similar injury. Both are in doubt for Arsenal's match against Glasgow Celtic at the SCG on Sunday.

Australian fullback Harry Williams, overlapping at every opportunity, was another who showed up some alarming chinks in the Gunners' armour.

One of his forays on to a Rooney pass almost resulted in a goal, but little John Nyskohus could not get a head to Williams's final pass.

Arsenal, after their lethargic first half, came out for the second looking much more like a team of professionals.

Midfielder Liam Brady, clearly their best on the night, hit the crossbar with a header in the 50th minute.

Less than 60 seconds later little Georgie Armstrong hammered the ball into Australia's net after keeper Allan Maher had fumbled a Stapleton header in making a brilliant save.

In some of Australia's previous games that would have been the signal to "crack". They didn't.

In fact, the next 20 minutes produced the best football of the match as Australia regained their composure and took charge.

Williams brought the spectators to their feet in the 61st minute with a 50-metre run and a clever one-two with Dave Harding before he crossed.

John Nyskohus, the smallest man on the field, showed a giant's courage as he raced in and sent a 15-metre thunderbolt past a disbelieving Rimmer to put Australia ahead 2-1.

But more was to come. Striker Peter Ollerton sent Rimmer backwards with a cracking 20-metre shot.

It was saved, but Rimmer could only look on helplessly five minutes later as Ollerton knocked the ball past him amid a goalmouth scrimmage to give Australia their 3-1 lead and the match.

With cries of "we want more" from the crowd, Australia kept up the pressure and entertained with teamwork so controlled and confident that Arsenal were made to look second-rate.

"We have no excuses," Arsenal manager Terry Neill said, visibly shaken by the result.

"The Australians showed a lot of spirit and character and deserved their win."

In defence, Australian captain Peter Wilson and Col Bennett were almost unbeatable; in the midfield Harding, Rooney and Peter Stone, when he replaced Murray Barnes, never stopped working; and in the forwards,

Kosmina and Nyskohus easily held their own. Goalkeeper Allan Maher was outstanding.

Australia's next match in the \$75,000 four-team round-robin tournament will be against Glasgow Celtic at the Sports Ground next Tuesday night.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Kosmina, Nyskohus, Ollerton) bt. ARSENAL 1 (Armstrong). Crowd 10,752

World of Soccer Cup													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
26th. July 1977, 20.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									12742	
Australia..2 v. Celtic (Scotland)..3													
half time, Australia..2 v. Celtic..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Peter Latchford				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Danny McGrain (c)				86
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						MF	Tommy Burns				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Pat Stanton				
	DF	Harry Williams						DF	Roddy McDonald				
	MF	Gary Byrne						MF	Roy Aitken				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney				73		FW	Paul Wilson	54			
	MF	Murray Barnes	6					FW	Alfie Conn				
	FW	Attila Abonyi						MF	Ronnie Glavin				
	FW	Peter Ollerton	22					DF	Johannes Edvaldsson	3, 30			
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	John Doyle				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Peter Stone				73			Robert "Roy" Kay				86
									Bobby Lennox				
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John "Jock" Stein				
Referee		Richard Lorenc											
Linesman		Peter Rampley											
Linesman		Barry Wilkinson											

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 21, August 3, 1977, page 8 by Tom Anderson

Once again it was the tale of "so near, yet so far" for the gallant Australian team.

The Socceroos played ever so well, only to lose by the odd goal.

They were terrific, turning on a performance that made them the pride of Sydney and heroes in defeat.

Their brand of football was outstanding.

By stating this I don't want to take anything away from Celtic which also put up a marvellous show in its win.

The Scottish champions turned it on in great style and as a game this was a classic.

Both teams went out and concentrated on playing attacking, entertaining football.

There was no negative stuff and the 12,742 crowd loved every minute of it.

The difference between the two teams was Celtic defender Danny McGrain.

McGrain was magnificent, showing clearly why he is rated as one of the world's finest full backs.

Time and time again this thoroughbred came through to attack like a top striker.

He had a hand in all Celtic's goals and inspired his side with his great performance.

The game started in sensational fashion with the Celts going into the lead in the 2nd minute when Jo Edvaldsson headed home a McGrain cross.

But the Socceroos fought back and in the 5th minute got back on even terms when Murray Barnes hammered home a well taken Jimmy Rooney free kick.

More was to come and from another Jimmy Rooney free kick in the 22nd minute Peter Ollerton put Australia into the lead.

Rooney's free kicks are becoming a feature of the play of Australia. The little fellow has them worked out to perfection.

Celtic got back on even terms when big Edvaldsson again headed home following some good work by McGrain and Alfie Conn.

The winning goal came in the 54th minute when Harry Williams failed to clear a ball on the goal line and Paul Wilson nipped in to score.

Celtic manager Jock Stein declared after the game: "Australia has a team to be proud of. It can play the game, believe me. We don't want many hard games like that in a season."

Australian coach Jim Shoulder said that if his team could play against sides like Celtic every week it would soon be in the top bracket of world football.

Australia 2 (Barnes, Ollerton) Celtic 3 (Edvaldsson 2, Wilson) at Sydney Sports Ground.

AUSTRALIA: Maher, Harris, Williams, Wilson, Bennett, Byrne, Rooney (sub, Stone), Barnes, Abonyi, Ollerton, Kosmina

CELTIC: Latchford, McGrain (sub Kay), Burns, Stanton, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Glavin, Aitken, Wilson, Conn, Doyle.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 27/7/1977, page 42

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Glasgow Celtic, the Scottish Soccer champions, needed to muster all of their professional skill and experience to beat Australia 3-2 in a hard and memorable match at the Sydney Sports Ground last night.

Celtic are now in the final of the \$75,000 intercontinental four-team, round-robin tournament - worth \$35,000 to the winner - in Melbourne next Sunday.

Australia need only to draw with Red Star Belgrade in Melbourne tomorrow night to reach the final.

Red Star lost 1-0 to English first division club Arsenal in Adelaide last night.

Any doubts about the ability of this gallant Australian team were dispelled as they matched Celtic kick-for-kick, tackle-for-tackle and very nearly goal-for-goal before a crowd of 12,742.

"They are a better team than a lot of people give them credit for," said Celtic manager Jock Stein, a man of few accolades, who guided his team to the European Cup in 1967.

"They stretched us. We don't want another one like that too soon."

Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder, disappointed at not earning a draw, said: "If we had a game like that every week, we would be a fair side."

Shoulder was displeased at the way his players allowed Celtic several scoring chances, but Celtic were guilty of similar offences.

The first half produced a grand 45 minutes of non-stop action, full of superbly skilful and enterprising Soccer. Celtic scored after only two minutes when their captain and fullback Danny McGrain attacked down the

right-hand side of the field and sent in a curling deep cross.

Celtic's Icelandic striker, Jo Edvaldsson, rose above the Australian defenders to head the ball into the net.

The Australians, to their credit, held their composure and sent the crowd wild only three minutes later when a free kick by midfielder Jimmy Rooney was knocked back by striker John Kosmina for big Murray Barnes to hammer home a low 20-metre shot.

With both teams playing some wonderful possession football, play alternated from one end of the field to the other and Celtic midfielder Ronnie Glavin was denied a goal by Maher's gallant save in the 11th minute.

Australia then showed that they too were able to hit back when Rooney ran rings around defender Tommy Burns before passing to full-back George Harris, whose cross Atti Abonyi headed into the arms of goalkeeper

Peter Latchford.

In the 22nd minute, Australia received a free kick, which was taken by Rooney from the right-hand side line.

The low curling ball was touched on by Abonyi to striker Peter Ollerton who ran through and knocked it past Latchford to put Australia ahead 2-1.

Celtic were a little unfortunate two minutes after Australia scored their second goal when a powerhouse 20-metre shot from Glavin was deflected by one of his teammates just wide of goal.

But in the 29th minute they were recompensed when Conn raced down the right touchline and crossed deep into the Australian goal mouth.

Again big Edvaldsson was there to head the ball into the net to level the scores at two-all.

Without doubt the star performer was Celtic's captain McGrain.

He left the Australian midfielders and defenders groping frequently as he weaved down to the right touchline.

The Australians proved that their 3-1 win against English first division side Arsenal last Wednesday night was no fluke and were cheered back on to the field at half-time.

Then in the 54th minute, McGrain struck again. He beat two defenders before sending in a high cross which was headed on by Doyle.

With Maher beaten, the ball was saved on the line by fullback Harry Williams, who seemed to hesitate far too long before clearing, allowing for Wilson to race in and hammer it into the back of the net for Celtic's third goal.

The Australians failed to lose their "cool" and showed tremendous courage as they fought back.

But the Scottish machine was getting into top gear and Conn hit a left foot shot which Maher saved superbly.

In the space of 60 seconds, Latchford was forced to make a brilliant save off Rooney, Maher had to do likewise off Glavin, then Latchford again saved a shot from Ollerton.

In the 75th minute Australian coach Jim Shoulder brought on substitute midfielder Peter Stone and surprisingly brought off Rooney, who had been the pick of the Australians up to that point.

GLASGOW CELTIC 3 (Edvaldsson 2, Wilson) b. AUSTRALIA 2 (Barnes, Ollerton). Crowd: 12,742.

match report from The Glasgow Herald, 27/7/1977, page 18

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Celtic moved into the final of the \$A75,000 four-nation soccer tournament with a 3-2 win over the Australian national team at the Sydney Sports Ground last night.

A crowd of almost 13,000 saw the world-class Celtic side forge ahead in the fifty-fourth minute through Paul Wilson after the teams were locked 2-2 at half-time.

Celtic scored after only two minutes when the captain, Danny McGrain, attacked down the right and sent in a curling deep cross which Johannes Edvaldsson headed home.

Australia equalised three minutes later through Murray Barnes and went ahead in 22 minutes when Peter Ollerton scored following a free kick.

Celtic's second goal came seven minutes later when Alfie Conn crossed to Edvaldsson to head the ball into the net.

Celtic's opponents in the deciding match will be either Australia or Red Star, who meet in Melbourne tomorrow. Yesterday Red Star, the Yugoslav champions, went down 0-1 in Adelaide to an Arsenal team without

their banished internationals Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Hudson. The only goal was scored in the eleventh minute by Liam Brady, the Irish international.

CELTIC - Latchford, McGrain, Burns, Stanton, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Glavin, Wilson, Edvaldsson, and Conn.

World of Soccer Cup													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
28th. July 1977, 20.15			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									10100	
Australia..2 v. Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia)..3													
half time, Australia..1 v. Red Star Belgrade..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John "Jack" Reilly						GK	Aleksandar "Dika" Stojanović				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Nikola "Nikki" Jovanović				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Zoran Jelikić				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett							Slavoljub Muslin				
	DF	Harry Williams							Mile Novković				46
	MF	David "Dave" Harding	61						Dušan Nikolić				
	MF	Murray Barnes							Vladislav Bogičević				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney							Sead Sušić				84
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	27					MF	Vladimir Petrović				
	FW	Peter Ollerton				72			Zoran Filipović	71	X		
	FW	John Nyskohus							Dušan Savić	42	X		
SUBSTITUTES													
		Peter Sharne				72			Milos Sestic	66			46
									Dušan Lukic				84
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Gojko Zec				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Stewart Mellings											
Linesman		Sam Zoumas											
Linesman		James Fearn											

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 28, August 3, 1977, page 7 by Laurie Schwab

Harry Williams has long been hailed for his excellent attacking play down the flank. Against Red Star in Melbourne, he demonstrated he is equally as brilliant in defence. Together with Red Star's attacking midfielder Vladimir Petrovic and Australian striker John Kosmina, Williams was among the best players of the match. Early in the game Red Star's strongest thrusts came down Williams' flank through Petrovic and right back Nikola Jovanovic. During this period one wondered whether or not Williams was playing. However, it did not take long for him to fight back. He tackled tigerishly, jockeyed intelligently and saved successive shots by Milos Sestic and Vladislav Bogicevic off the goal line in the 68th minute, when the score was 2-2. Kosmina strengthened his claim to being Australia's No.1 striker with his tricky, tireless and enthusiastic play. He was the heart and soul of Australia's attack - a dynamic, confident player with the bravado to take on his illustrious opponents and beat them. How much Kosmina would benefit from Adrian Alston and Branko Buljevic, were they too in the Australian squad. Alston and Buljevic were, of course, Australia's twin strikers in the 1973-74 World Cup campaign. Buljevic's absence from the present squad remains Australia's great soccer mystery as he's even better now than in 1974. Alston is guesting with Canberra City but has made it crystal clear that he is here to play for Australia. Will he, like Buljevic, be brushed aside? While Harris and Kosmina were the pick of the Australian players, it was Petrovic who hogged most of the limelight. Star of the Singapore final against Celtic, Petrovic was in a most positive frame of mind, dominating the action, turning opponents inside out, creating space and scoring, shooting for goal, dropping back deep into defence to help out there and storming forward once more, showing off his great variation of pace. Australia's right back George Harris - resolute and dutiful - had one of the most solid matches I've seen him play and the two midfielders, Jimmy Rooney and Dave Harding, were always the key men when Australia went forward. Centre backs Peter Wilson and Col Bennett battled valiantly against the extreme pressure Red Star applied through Dusan Savić, Zoran Filipovic, Sead Susić, Petrovic and Milos Sestic who replaced Mile Novkovic at half time. However, Wilson and Bennett weren't allowed to be as dominant as they usually are against lesser opposition. You had to give John Nyskohus marks for trying. He offered himself quite well, he ran a lot and was often in the action, but he made mistakes on the ball. Peter Ollerton and Murray Barnes were fairly quiet, while goalkeeper Jack Reilly, playing his first match for Australia since June, 1975, made two unfortunate errors which resulted in Red Star's equalising goals at 1-1 and 2-2. Red Star altered its line-up slightly because Bosko Lukic had a toothache and so was rested on the bench. Nikola Jovanovic went from left to right back, pushing Zoran Jelikić into the middle alongside Slovoljub Muslin. Lukic's replacement, Novkovic, went to left back and the previous centre back, Dusan Nikolic, moved into midfield. That line-up lasted until half time when Sestic was thrown into attack. Novkovic came out and the team reverted to its previous defence. Sestic made a huge difference when he came on.

As an extra man in attack, he carved himself a lot of space and delivered the short cross from which Filipovic scored the winning goal with a header in the 70th minute. Jelkic and Jovanovic were excellent as they have been consistently throughout the tournament and Nikolic was the model of the defensive midfielder. Vladislav Bogicevic, the million-dollar man with the incredible reputation, played a more attacking role this time but was not as prominent as a player of his calibre should be. Sead Susic, another man around whom legends are spun, tried to do too much by himself and paid the penalty when he was replaced shortly before the end. Savic was more aggressive than Filipovic up front but both were effective. However, goalkeeper Alexander Stojanovic was shaky. He made an inexplicable mistake when he let Dave Harding's hard, long-range shot bounce off his boot, into the goal, to put Australia 2-1 up in the 61st minute. It was the second time that Australia had hit the front. The first time was in the 27th minute when Kosmina ran between Muslin and Jelkic to head Peter Ollerton's long ball into the net. Australia's first scoring chance had come in the second minute when Ollerton's back-header from Harris' cross came close to beating Stojanovic. But Red Star had the better of the play up to that first goal. The Yugoslavs forced three corners in a row at the four-minute mark and a long run upfield by Jelkic, past Wilson, was stopped only by a last-ditch back-pass by Harris to Reilly. Even after Kosmina had put Australia into the lead, Red Star did not let up. Petrovic came close to equalising within seconds but his 20-metre bullet-like shot from an angle went just over the bar. Savic was shown the yellow card by Victorian referee Stewart Mellings for fouling Reilly behind play and shortly afterwards Australia broke quickly with passes from Ollerton to Kosmina, to Nyskohus. Nyskohus had an uninterrupted path on the right flank, giving Australia a 3 against 2 situation but, with Kosmina calling for a return lob in the middle, Nyskohus missed the ball completely while trying to kick. He recovered and layed the ball back to Harding but the midfielder got under the ball and lifted it high over the bar. Harris made one of his many fine clearances when he headed out a dangerous ball from Petrovic but Red Star maintained its pressure, forcing Reilly to make a desperate clearance off the line by Bennett from Savic. Then, in the 42nd minute, Reilly misjudged Savic's long, floating lob from 25 metres and it went into the top corner of the net for Red Star's equaliser. Just before half-time, Susic beat Harding brilliantly on a run into the penalty area but instead of squaring the ball into the middle, Susic tried a shot for which the angle was much too acute. In the 53rd minute Savic had the goal at his mercy after a spectacular solo run but Williams got in front of him and delivered a courageous sliding back-pass to Reilly. Australia hit back quickly with Rooney giving a fine through ball to Kosmina whose shot beat Stojanovic but flashed narrowly across goal. In the 57th minute a timely tackle by Williams on Petrovic deflected Petrovic's shot over the bar and shortly afterwards the crowd erupted as Harding's long-range shot went in off Stojanovic to put Australia back into the lead. But Australia's euphoria lasted only four minutes. Petrovic cut the ball short and square across goal, Reilly punched it out to the feet of Sestic and Sestic rammed it into the net for the equaliser. But Reilly kept Australia in the game by making a one-handed save from Filipovic's header in the 67th minute and then came Williams' two clearances off the line from attempts by Sestic and Bogicevic. Filipovic's winning goals, from Sestic's short cross, came in the 70th minute and Australian coach Jim Shoulder countered by sending speedy Peter Sharne into attack to replace the declining Peter Ollerton. Filipovic was shown the yellow card for throwing the ball away and Kosmina's back-header from Rooney's free kick hit the side netting as the match entered its last, crucial 10 minutes. Red Star was hanging back now, trying to preserve its lead. This gave the Socceroos more of the midfield and more attacking opportunities but unfortunately, a goal eluded them. Kosmina's head just clipped a cross close to goal and a shot by Nyskohus went narrowly over as the match drew to a close and the Australian players headed for the dressing rooms, bitterly disappointed. AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 27th., Harding 61st) RED STAR 3 (Savic 42nd, Sestic 65th, Filipovic 70th) at Olympic Park, attendance 10,100. AUSTRALIA: Reilly, Harris, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Harding, Barnes, Rooney, Kosmina, Ollerton (Sharne 72nd), Nyskohus. RED STARR: Stojanovic, Jovanovic, Jelkic, Muslin, Novkovic (Sestic, half time), Nikolic, Bogicevic, Susic (Lukic 84th), Petrovic, Filipovic, Savic. Referee: Mellings.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round														
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature			Attendance		
14th. August 1977, 15.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									20000		
Australia..0 v. Iran..1														
half time, Australia..0 v. Iran..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
1	GK	Allan Maher					1	GK	Nasser Hejazi					
2	DF	George Harris					4	DF	Hassan Nazari					
4	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					5	DF	Hossein Kazerani					
3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					6	DF	Nasrollah Abdollahi					
5	DF	Harry Williams					7	DF	Andranik Eskandarian					
6	MF	Murray Barnes					22	MF	Hassan Nayeabagha					
7	MF	David "Dave" Harding					9	MF	Ali Parvin (c)					
8	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					10	MF	Ebrahim Qasempour				80	
9	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina					11	MF	Mohammad Sadeghi					
10	FW	Peter Ollerton		X			13	FW	Hassan Rowshan	68				
11	FW	John Nyskohus				75	17	FW	Ghafour Jahani					
SUBSTITUTES														
17	FW	Peter Sharne				75	8	DF	Habib Khabiri				80	
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Heshmat Mohajerani					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager		Mehdi Rashidpour					
Referee		Franz Wohrer (Austria)												
Linesman		Josef Bucek (Austria)												
Linesman		Heinze Fahnler (Austria)												

Iranian names in squad list in accordance with <http://www.teammelli.com/matchdata/details/matchdetails.php?id=2009>

Ebrahim Qasempour is also shown as Ebrahim Ghasempour and Ghassempour.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 30, 17/8/1977, page 9 by Laurie Schwab with comments from Rale Rasic

When crosses came over to Ollerton - usually from George Harris or Harry Williams - Kazerani got to the ball first.

In fact Ollerton was cut right out of the game by Kazerani and his deputy Nasrulah Abdullahi.

And Nyskohus had what can only be described as an embarrassing afternoon yet again.

In defence Peter Wilson kicked the ball at opponents instead of away from them and held the ball for far too long.

Murray Barnes was ineffective in midfield and did not come up far enough often enough to support Ollerton.

Harding slid rapidly downhill after missing the penalty that will be written into Australian soccer's history books.

RASIC: Early in the game Barnes looked the potential match-winner. The game seemed based on Barnes coming from behind to take scoring opportunities but although he did manage a few shots and one header, he did not bother Iran in the long run. The wisdom of using Barnes as a midfielder must be re-examined. He has the physique, the determination, the height and the power near goal to be a good striker, but he does not have the skill and imagination to be an effective midfielder at international level. The use of John Nyskohus puzzled me. Apart from the fact that Nyskohus had a bad game, it was obvious from the start that Attila Abonyi had much more to offer in this match. There are no substitutes for Abonyi's skill, his nose for goal and above all, his experience.

Experience - that's invaluable in World Cup soccer.

Yet coach Jim Shoulder chooses to do without the experience (not to mention the talent) of Branko Buljevic, Adrian Alston and Ray Richards.

Australia is not overly endowed with excellent players. To ignore three of our strongest men is tantamount to saying we're not interested in going to Argentina.

As we've said so often - and Rale Rasic agrees - Buljevic, Alston and Richards should at least be in the squad of 22. What excellent substitutes they would make!

Here's how the game went.

Australia collects a free kick when Eskandarian fouls Barnes. Jimmy Rooney floats the ball into the goal area where Nyskohus squeezes between players to head the ball over the bar. The game is two minutes old and it's a good start for Australia.

Kosmina, full of spirit at this early stage, robs Abdullahi of the ball and heads goalwards but Eskandarian gets in front of him to clear the ball. Eskandarian is to beat Kosmina many, many more times, until Kosmina loses all confidence.

Iran has only the occasional breakaway. To stop one of those breaks, goalkeeper Allan Maher dashes off his line to cut the ball off right in front of Johani.

Australia's best move of the first starts with Ollerton passing to Harris who relays to Kosmina. The South Australian has one of his rare triumphs over Eskandarian when he beats the full back with pure skill and crosses to Barnes who goes up well but heads wide.

Parvin starts the retaliatory move for Iran, making use of Nazari's excellent run down the right flank. Nazari gives the ball to Rowshan who swivels on a tuft of grass but his shot on the turn flashes past the post.

RASIC: Iran is making the mistake of playing through the middle where they're losing the ball to the tackles of Bennett and Wilson. They do a lot better when they go down the flanks, so they should use that avenue a lot more.

In the 31st minute a long ball beats Wilson and it looks like Rowshan will score but Bennett has tracked him well and jumps over the forward to head the ball into Maher's arms. Good work Bennett.

Even at this early stage it's evident that Abonyi must come on to replace Nyskohus who's having a shocker, even to the extent of failing to control the ball at his feet.

RASIC: Yes, Abonyi has a lot of tricks up his sleeve and he could provide a lot of variety to Australia's play.

And yet Nyskohus does manage one good ball into the middle where Rooney is beaten by a timely tackle.

A cross by Williams creates panic in Iran's defence as Ollerton and Harding both go up for headers. The last clearance is picked up by Bennett steaming forward but his hefty kick goes too high and too wide.

RASIC: They're using Harris to overlap instead of Williams, who's much better at it.

In the 44th minute Rooney's cross is heading through a gap in the defence. Abdullahi lunges at the ball and touches it with his hand. Referee Wohrer, whose performance was first rate, awards Australia a penalty.

There's jubilation among the 20,000 crowd. This could be the goal to put us on the road to Argentina.

Dave Harding, who takes all of Australia's penalties, moves towards the ball, shoots, and blasts it over the bar.

RASIC: That's where Abonyi is an asset. He's brilliant at taking penalties. He never makes a mistake.

Seconds before half time an attempted clearance by Wilson goes off the side of his head, to Johani who's about eight metres from goal. Johani jumps high to head but his attempt bounces off the crossbar.

RASIC: Australia must start going down the left instead of the right flank. Too many attacks on the right are breaking down, yet every time Harry Williams is used, Australia looks dangerous.

Just after resumption Australia strings together a series of excellent passes which are acknowledged by the crowd. Kosmina starts it with a quick flick to Williams who plays it equally as quickly to the middle where Nyskohus trips over!

A bad pass in midfield by Barnes lets Sadeghui through. Bennett commits himself and is beaten, leaving Sadeghi with a clear path to goal. But Sadeghi is nervous and shoots too early, giving Maher an easy save.

Williams starts a move, swinging the ball diagonally across the pitch to Rooney who spears it into the path of Nyskohus, running towards goal. Nyskohus can't control the ball.

The fatal moment comes in the 68th minute. Wilson collides with an opponent just outside the penalty area and Sadeghi is left alone to have a shot. It takes Maher by surprise and although he dives in the right direction, he manages only to stop the ball with one hand.

Rowshan follows up professionally and taps it into the net. It's 1-0 for Iran, and everyone in the stadium knows it's enough to win.

Finally Nyskohus is replaced, in the 71st minute. Peter Sharne comes on for his first appearance in an international match.

Williams sets off on a spectacular dash down the left flank and releases the ball square to Ollerton heading down the middle but Abdullahi outpaces Ollerton to clear.

With 11 minutes to go, Iran coach Heshmat Mohajerani takes off Ebrahim Ghassempour who has served his team well in midfield, but who has tired visibly. His replacement Habib Khabiri provides Iran with extra running power.

Iranj spends the last 10 minutes holding possession but almost scores again when Rowhan and Johani break through with a good one-two.

A good pass by Ollerton sends Sharne away on the left wing but Sharne is beaten close to goal. In another move Sharne heads over the bar.

Referee Wohrer blows the whistle to signal that play has ended. Mohajerani is chaired off the field. Iranian players weep with joy and relief.

Shoulder walks down the corridor to the Press room for the post-match "grilling" accompanied by former national coach Tony Boggi.

"This is the part I hate most," says Shoulder.

AUSTRALIA 0 IRAN 1 (Rowshan 68th.) at Olympic Park, crowd 17,500.

AUSTRALIA: Maher, Harris, Bennett, Wilson, Williams, Barnes, Harding, Rooney, Kosmina, Ollerton, Nyskohus (Sharne 71st).

IRAN: Hejazi, Nazari, Abdullahi, Kazerani, Eskandarian, Parvin, Sadeghi, Nayabagha, Ghassempour (Khabiri 79th.), Rowshan, Johani.

Referee: Wohrer (Austria).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. August 1977,			Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, Sydney, New South Wales									3600	
Sutherland Shire F.C. ..2 v. Australia..3													
half time, Sutherland ..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Corry				X		GK	Allan Maher				
		Mitchell Hesford											
		Vic Dalforno	X(pk)										
		Richard Hammer	X					FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	X, X			
		John Lavin						FW	John Nyskohus	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Phil Craggs				X		GK	John "Jack" Reilly				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the St.George & Sutherland Leader, 31/8/1977, page 78 NSW State Library, Call No. RAV/FM4/458

Sutherland Shire's State League Soccer team covered itself with glory at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, last Wednesday night by holding the Australian squad to 3-2.

The Australian coach (Jim Shoulder) used the game as a warm-up for the World Cup qualifying match against South Korea on Saturday.

The South Korean squad, led by its national coach and former Sutherland player (Kim Jung Nam), watched the game at Seymour Shaw.

Sutherland gave the Australian squad a solid workout in a game in which no quarter was asked or given.

The local players showed great enthusiasm and chased everything in sight, a game which upset Australia's flowing style.

Australia was lucky to get close to half time unscathed before Kosmina steered the corner ball past Corry.

Australia scored again shortly after half-time when Nyskohus split the defence.

Sutherland was expected at this stage to cave in for the game was played at a tremendous pace, much faster than the shire was used to in the State League.

But the 3600 crowd went wild when Richard Hammer hit a rocket-like shot from outside the penalty area.

Replacement goalkeeper Jack Reilly could only half-parry the shot and it rolled through his legs into the net for a 2-1 score.

Australia went to 3-1 when Kosmina pounced on a lackadaisical clearance effort by Mitchell Hesford and gave replacement 'keeper Phil Craggs no chance.

The final goal came right on full-time when John Lavin was brought down heavily in the penalty area and Vic Dalforno made no mistake from the spot.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round																	
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance						
27th. August 1977, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales								8719						
Australia..2 v. Korea Republic (South Korea)..1																	
half time, Australia..0 v. Korea Republic..1																	
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution				
START LIST																	
1	GK	Allan Maher					0	GK	Byoun Ho-Young				66				
2	DF	George Harris				62	3	DF	Kim Ho-Kon (c)								
3	DF	Peter Wilson (c)					6	DF	Park Sung-Hwa								
4	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					8	DF	Cho Young-Jeung								
5	DF	Harry Williams					10	DF	Kang Byung-Chun								
6	MF	Murray Barnes					15	MF	Huh Jung-Moo								
7	MF	David "Dave" Harding					12	MF	Choi Jong-Duk				80				
8	MF	James "Jim" Rooney					4	MF	Cho Kwang-Rae								
9	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina	63, 75				17	MF	Park Sang-In								
10	FW	Peter Ollerton					11	FW	Cha Bum-Keun	23							
11	FW	John Nyskohus				62*	16	FW	Kim Jae-Han								
SUBSTITUTES																	
12	DF	Gary Byrne				62	1	GK	Kim Hwang-Ho				66				
16	FW	Attila Abonyi				62*	14	MF	Kim Jin-Kook				80				
Team Coach							Jim Shoulder							Team Coach		Kim Jung-Nam	
														Team Trainer			
Team Manager														Team Manager		Choi Jung-Min	
Referee							Johannes "Jan" Keizer (Netherlands)										
Linesman																	
Linesman																	

Choi Jong Duk is also shown as Choi Jong Deok; King Sung Nam is also shown as Kim Soung Nam; and Cha Bum Keun is also shown as Cha Beum Keun and Cha Buem Keun.
Cho Kwang-rae is also shown as Cho Kwang Lae and Cho Kwan Lae; Park Yung-Joo is also shown as Park Joung Whoon; and Kim Kang-Nam is also shown as Kim Gang-Nam.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 32, 31/8/1977 page 8 and 9 by Laurie Schwab with comments from Rale Rasic
The appearance of Attila Abonyi and Gary Byrne as substitutes in the 64th. Minute, and the emergence of Peter Ollerton in the second half, swung the balance Australia's way after South Korea had dominated the first half.
It is to coach Jim Shoulder's credit that he used Abonyi and Byrne when he did. Previously Shoulder had resolutely resisted change.
John Nyskohus had been struggling in attack, as he did against Iran and Hong Kong. His replacement by Abonyi effectively restored the three-man attack.
The full backs are so vital to Australia's style of play because they are relied upon to provide the flank play. George Harris had a "downer", making defensive mistakes and failing to provide thrust down the right, so it was a wise move to use Byrne in Harris' position. Byrne did the job well.
Abonyi's greatest contribution was that he varied Australia's attacking play which had been confined almost exclusively to high balls to the head of Ollerton or, occasionally, to Murray Barnes.
Abonyi added a little spice by passing a good ball and running past defenders into space to collect the return. It was a move like that which almost resulted in Abonyi scoring just after coming onto the pitch. All that prevented a goal was a courageous save by goalkeeper Byun Ho Young - the save in which Byun injured his lower back and had to be carried off on a stretcher.
Ollerton was matched in the air by Cho Young Jeung (No.8) in the first half but after the interval Ollerton was devastating, winning most of the high balls and nodding them down intelligently.
He also figured in the move with Abonyi during which Byun received his unfortunate injury.
John Kosmina deserves praise too, of course. His second goal may have been a fluke - a clearance that bounced back into the goal off his chest - but only goals win games and Kosmina scored both of them.
Having said all that, we must face harsh reality, Australia did not play well. It was the third successive World Cup match in which the Socceroos have failed to live up to expectations. They were sloppy in Adelaide against Hong Kong, they lost to Iran in Melbourne and this time they just scraped home.
Kuwait is our next opponent, and it's the last home match. Venue is the Sydney Sports Ground and the date is Sunday, October 16. On its way to Australia, Kuwait will meet Hong Kong on October 2 and South Korea on October 9.
Kuwait coached by former Brazilian national coach Mario Zagalo is said to have an excellent attack, but the team generally is not as skilful as South Korea.
Forward Cha Bum Keun (No.11) and midfielder Cho Kwang Lae (No.4) were the most skilful and most dynamic of the Koreans.
Cho dominated the midfield almost completely and Cha took on two and three Australians at a time and beat them.
Korea had an additional weapon in the free kicks of left back Kang Byung Chan (No.10). They were long and accurate and always created danger.
Big Korean striker Kim Jae Han (No.16) had an excellent partnership with Cha Bum Keun, a partnership that produced Korea's goal.
The Koreans' pure skill and team work were impressive. They had the ability to play up to five or six one-touch passes whereas the Australians found it necessary to run with the ball, look up, look down and only then deliver the pass.

RASIC: The match can best be summed up by saying that we should be ecstatic because we won, but that we should be disappointed by the nature of the performance. It was one of our worst team performances for a long, long time - even worse than against Iran. We created very few chances. Everything was hesitant, speculative, accidental.

The game starts with a long free kick from Korea's defence. Peter Wilson and Allan Maher go for it together, making it unnecessarily hard for both of them. Seconds later, at the other end, Jimmy Rooney shoots on the turn but Byun saves with ease.

Ollerton is bearing down on a loose ball inside the penalty area. It's a great scoring chance if he gets to the ball, but Dave Harding runs into Ollerton's way!

Kosmina comes into play for the first time with a great diving header that flashes past the post after a free kick taken by George Harris. The crowd applauds Kosmina's effort.

Australia is playing with a slight wind, which should be an advantage. As it turns out, it's no help at all.

The first spark of genius from Cha Bum Keun comes in the sixth minute as he shows off his brilliant ball control on a breakaway pass from Huh Jung Moo. Coach Kim Jung Nam had said before the game that Huh would be one of three strikers but in reality, Huh is back in midfielder, giving Korea a 4-4-2 formation against Australia's 4-3-3.

The Australian midfield is inferior to Korea's. Only Barnes gets involved in attacks and the only danger created from midfield comes from Jimmy Rooney's free kicks.

There's panic in the Australian penalty area after 10 minutes. Left back Kang Byung Chan sends one of his devastating long passes to Cha Bum Keun who runs right up to goalkeeper Maher in what looks like disaster for Australia. Wilson stops Cha in the nick of time but the ball rolls to Kim Jae Han facing an open goal. Kim shoots but Harry Williams appears from nowhere to make a desperate clearance with Maher stranded out of goal.

RASIC: It surprises me that Jim Shoulder doesn't have Cha marked more closely. Cha is a brilliant footballer and he's causing all the danger at the moment. When we played against Korea in 1973 Cha played further back, in midfield, but he's even better here as a front runner. Big Kim Jae Han is the decoy, pulling out Wilson and Bennett, and thus creating space for Cha.

Cha is continually breaking away behind Williams. Clearly, the left side of our defence has to be tightened.

In the 15th minute Cha strikes again, beating Bennett on a solo run towards goal but being cut off by Wilson running across his path.

But Australia comes back quickly with a shot by John Nyskohus. Unfortunately the ball comes off defenders' heads.

RASIC: Australia is not trying to draw out the South Korea defence. Against defensive tactics you try to play first in your own half to make the opponents come towards you and leave room at their rear. Instead of doing that, we are pushing the Koreans into their half, where they simply stand resolutely in front of their goal.

Brilliant midfielder Cho Kwang Lae receives first aid treatment after being injured in initiating a spectacular series of one-tuos.

As if in retaliation, Korea scores in the 23rd minute.

Once again it is left back Kang Byun Chan who starts the move, with yet another of his expertly taken free kicks. Big Kim Jae Han nods the ball back from the near post into the middle where Cha Bum Keun is completely unmarked. Cha lashes out at the ball and plants it firmly into the net. It's 1-0 for Korea. To most of the pathetically small crowd of 8719, Australia is well and truly out of the World Cup.

RASIC: They should have woken up to the danger posed by Cha. You can't leave a man like that alone in the penalty area. We're playing the same way we did against Iran - without steady build-ups, and always at the same speed. The Koreans are changing pace well and breaking quickly. Australia is showing no style, imagination or character. Irrespective of the individuals in our team, we should set a style for those individuals. This does not appear to have been done. We are playing accidental football.

In the 31st minute Kosmina squeezes between Park Sung Wha and Cho Young Jeung to get his head to Rooney's free kick but the attempt goes over the bar.

RASIC: The Koreans are concentrating heavily on Rooney. He's given very little room in which to play, but they're leaving Harding alone. Harding should be doing more with all the space he's got and Harris should be creating more from right back.

Murray Barnes, who's flashing in and out of the play with some intelligent work and some good attempts at goal, misses narrowly with a good shot after Ollerton had laid the ball at Barnes' feet with a good header.

It's one of Australia's few calculated moves. Most of the time, the Soccerros are relying on loose balls and are hoping for the best in the air.

In contrast, Korea's moves are purposeful and deadly, as Choi Jong Duk (No.12) demonstrates with a low pass into the centre where Harris misses the ball, allowing it to roll to Cha Bum Keun. Cha's shot beats Maher but whistles past the post.

RASIC: No.4, Cho Kwang Lae, has put on a magnificent performance so far. He has the difficult task of marking Rooney and also being creative in midfield.

Kosmina figures in two good moves during which Australia looks capable of scoring. First he gets past the defence to send over a cross, it finds Barnes who heads powerfully but Kim Ho Kon gets in front of him to stop the ball. The second move is identical. Kosmina crosses to Barnes' head and this time it is goalkeeper Byun who stops the ball, turning it for a corner.

RASIC: As I said during the game against Iran, Barnes should be used as a striker. He's ideal for the position.

Half time comes and there's jubilation in a small section of the terraces where a group of banner-waving Koreans have set up base. There's dancing in front of the group during the interval.

The public address system announces as the teams return that there are no changes in the Australian team. The crowd boos.

Only a minute after half time Harry Williams, whos runs have been few and far between, dashes into attack and creates havoc with a pass meant for Ollerton. Although Ollerton fails to control the ball, he makes amends by laying it back to Harding coming from behind but Harding blasts over the bar.

RASIC: At half time I would have put on Abonyi for Nyskohus, and also introduced a new midfielder.

Kosmina flashes into play once more by going to the right corner flag and crossing to the middle. Ollerton manages a back-header which the groping goalkeeper just barely gets to.

RASIC: That's the right attitude. We have to stretch their defence by going wide the way Kosmina did just then.

But at this stage the game is still balanced Korea's way. Kim Jae Han, on the turn from a short pass by Cha, smashes a shot inches over the bar in a great move by the Koreans.

RASIC: Every centre by Korea has purpose. Most of ours is no more than hopeful.

Suddenly Gary Byrne and Atilla Abonyi rise from the substitute bench and start warming up. The crowd gives a big cheer. Ironically, Australia scores while these two are still on the sidelines.

Rooney sends a free kick into the penalty area where Peter Wilson's attempt is repelled by goalkeeper Byun. Kosmina runs onto the loose ball and puts it into the net for the 63rd minute equaliser.

A minute later Byrne and Abonyi come on for Nyskohus and Harris.

Abonyi, bristling with enthusiasm, throws himself into the fray. He makes a fine run off the ball and Ollerton spears it through to him. Abonyi is headed for goal and likely to score but Byun comes out courageously and collides with Abonyi while going down for the ball. Byun cannot get up and is finally carried off on a stretcher.

A doctor is to say later that Byun has an injury to the lower region of his spine but that he will be OK. The goalkeeper is taken by ambulance to St.Vincent's Hospital after the game.

His replacement, Kim Whang Ho, is inches smaller than Byun and as a result he has trouble in the air. The Korean defence seems to lose its composure with Byun gone.

RASIC: Australia will win now. It'll be 2-1.

Ollerton is prominent now. The Koreans expressed fear of Ollerton before the game. That fear now proves to be justified as Ollerton heads just over the bar from Wilson's free kick in the 76th minute.

Then Barnes goes on a run through the defence before the ball goes to Byrne who aims it into the middle. Ollerton challenges goalkeeper Kim, leaving Cho Young Jeung to hook the ball out into what he hopes will be safety. However, Cho's clearance hits Kosmina's chest and bounces back into the net for Australia's winning goal.

RASIC: Unbelievable! I was going to say that Barnes is a very positive player today and before I could get it out he starts the move that leads to that incredible goal. Korea's play has deteriorated. In the first half front runners Kim and Cha played up near the half line, always alert to breakaway chances. Now they're hanging around Australia's 20 metre zone, where it's much harder for them to get anything done.

Abonyi starts a move by giving the ball to Kosmina and running on for the return, but Kosmina decides to shoot instead, and grazes the top of the net.

With 10 minutes to go Korea replaces the inconspicuous midfielder Choi Jong Duk with Kim Jin Kook.

RASIC: Ollerton has really benefited in this half from the presence of Abonyi and Byrne because these two have helped make Australia's play more purposeful. Kosmina is also better now.

But Korea manages another attack. A good run and cross by Cho Young Jeung gives Kim a chance at the far post but he heads wide.

A factor in Australia's better second-half performance is the fact that Williams has kept a closer eye on Cha Bum Keun. There have been less heart-stopping moments for Jim Shoulder since the interval.

Shoulder says afterwards that in his opinion, South Korea is a better team than Iran, and that it wouldn't surprise him if Korea beats Iran in Tehran on November 11. It would be a good result for Australia.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 63rd & 75th) SOUTH KOREA 1 (Cha Bum Keun 23rd) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 8719.

AUSTRALIA: Maher; Harris (Byrne 62nd), Wilson, Bennett, Williams; Barnes, Harding, Rooney; Kosmina, Ollerton, Nyskohus (Abonyi 64th).

SOUTH KOREA: Byoun Ho Young (injured, Kim Hwang Ho 66th); Kim Ho Kon, Park Sung Wha, Cho Young Jeung, Kang Byung Chan; Huh Jung Moo, Choi Jong Duk (Kim Jin Kook 80th), Cho Kwang Rae, Park Sang In; Cha Bum Keun, Kim Jae Han.

Referee: Keizer (Holland).

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. October 1977,			Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland										3000	
Queensland..4 v. Australia..4														
half time, Queensland..0 v. Australia..3														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Phil Dando (Brisbane Lions)						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				64	
	DF	George Potter (Brisbane Lions)						DF	Colin "Col" Curran					
	DF	James Hermiston (Grange Thistle)						DF	Peter Wilson					
	DF	John Wilkinson (Sunnyside United)						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				45	
	DF	Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions)						DF	Harry Williams					
	MF	Iain Fagan (Brisbane Lions)						MF	Peter Stone					
	MF	Eddie Spearitt (Brisbane Lions)	60			X		MF	Gary Marocchi					
	MF	John Patterson (Grange Thistle)						MF	David "Dave" Harding	33(pk)				
	FW	Barry Kelso (Redlands United)	49			X*		MF	Murray Barnes	X				
	FW	Alan Marley (St.George-Souths)	63					FW	Adrian Alston	15				
	FW	Geoff Morris (Brisbane Lions)	66					FW	John Nyskohus	70				
SUBSTITUTES														
	MF	Boze Runje (Sunnyside United)				X		GK	Terry Eaton				64	
	FW	Ronald Millman (Redlands United)				X*		DF	George Harris				45	
Team Coach							Team Coach							
							Ron Smith							
Team Manager							Team Trainer							
							Team Manager							
Referee														
Linesman														
Linesman														

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Perry Park in Brisbane was treated to a bizarre "curtain-raiser" to the Philips Cup final when Queensland and the Socceroos drew 4-4 in an incredible match on Saturday night.

The State side was comprised chiefly of Philips League players, although they lost four Brisbane City men because of the Cup final the next day.

Grange-Thistle's Jim Hermiston was the exception as he decided to play in both matches, thereby completing his 54th match of the season.

The other "unknowns" in the Queensland side as far as the national scene is concerned, were striker Barry Kelso from First Division side Redlands, Thistle midfielder John Patterson, Kelso's team mate Ron Millman and Second Division Sunnyside United's Yugoslav import Boze Runje.

John Wilkinson, who played alongside Hermiston, belongs also to Sunnyside but has guested twice for Lions in Col Bennett's absence, and another local stiker was the former Kiwi World Cup star Alan Marley.

The Socceroos took the field without Jim Rooney, John Kosmina and Allan Maher and with Gary Marocchi playing in the midfield, Murray Barnes completed the first half as a devastating centre forward.

A very square Queensland defence, missing a stopper because of the late withdrawal of Tokesi, when Adrian Alston was left unmarked after 15 minutes to sidefoot home Marocchi's pass. Five minutes later, local referee David Nugent awarded a penalty for Col Bennett's foul on Marley, but Patterson continued the recent Brisbane "penalty disease" when he telegraphed his intentions and Jack Reilly saved well.

In the 33rd minute, the Socceroos led 2-0 with a Dave Harding penalty after Patterson dragged down Peter Stone.

They looked headed for a cricket score when Barnes added No.3 with a splendid header, following Alston's perfect cross.

Assistant national coach, Ron Smith, standing in for Jim Shoulder, saw fit to replace Bennett at half time to give George Harris a run - on reflection an understandable move with the Socceroos in complete command.

Harris went into the middle and Harding dropped back alongside Wilson, but after only four minutes of the second half, the revitalised Queensland side began an avalanche of four goals in 20 minutes to hit the front and set the crowd of about 3000 alight.

Young Kelso, who had been given a testing initiation by Wilson, got the first when he managed to bundle a corner from Geoff Morris just inside the post.

In the 60th minute, Patterson's cross found Eddie Spearritt, who was unmarked by a non-existent defence, and the Lions midfielder took his time before beating Reilly.

Only three minutes later, the equaliser came when Patterson and Morris created havoc on the left wing, and the tenacious Marley sneaked through to push home No.3, upon which Reilly was replaced by Terry Eaton.

Eaton had been on the field only two minutes when the State side took the lead with an incredible goal from Morris.

Picking up a pass near the half line, he charged down the middle, ignored the unmarked Kelso on his right and Marley on his left, and reached the edge of the box, where he unleashed a blistering left foot shot into the back of the net.

After another four minutes, the Socceroos contributed further to this fantastic spectacle when the Queensland defence took too long marshalling for Alston's free kick and John Nyskohus stabbed home a short pass.

There could have been at least four more goals scored by both sides in the final 20 minutes.

Queensland was left to ponder on its missed penalty, while one Socceroo said as he came off the ground, "You would call that an unqualified failure."

After the match, Marley said: "That took me back four years when we drew 1-1 with Rale Rasic's Australian side at the Lions Stadium."

Marley also claimed the Socceroos probably would beat Kuwait in Sydney but would find it hard winning their away matches.

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World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. October 1977, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									12015	
Australia..1 v. Kuwait..2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Kuwait..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK	Ahmed Khadr Al-Tarabulsi				
	DF	Colin "Col" Curran							Husain Mohammad Ahmed Husain				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)							Adnan Abdullah Ghlou				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett							Abdullah Yousuf Mahboula		X		
	DF	Harry Williams							Jasem Yaqoub Sultan Al-Besara				
	MF	Murray Barnes					6	MF	Sa'ad Mohammad Abdulaziz Al-Houti				
	MF	David "Dave" Harding				45		MF	Farouq Ibrahim Al-Saleh				85
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney	85					MF	Hamad Khaled Bo-Hamad				
	FW	Adrian Alston		64			7	FW	Fathi Kameel Matar Marzouq	41(pk)			
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina						FW	Faisal Ali Al-Dakhil				
	FW	Peter Ollerton				60		FW	Abdul-Aziz Sa'oud Al-Anbari	49			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Peter Stone				45			Saed Khalid		X		85
		Attila Abonyi				60							
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Mário Zagallo				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Michel Vautrot (France)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Faisal Ali Al-Dakhil is also shown as Faisal Al-Dakheel and Feisal Ali. Hamad Khaled Bo-Hamad is also shown as Hamad Khalid Bo Hamd and Hammad Bo Hammed.

Abdul-Aziz Sa'oud Al-Anbari is also shown as Abdulaziz Al-Anberi, Abdul Aziz Sa'oud Al-Anbary, Abdulaziz Al Anbiri and Abdul Aziz Saud.

Abdullah Yousuf Mahboula is also shown as Abdullah Jusuf.

Jasem Yaqoub Sultan Al-Besara is also shown as Sultan Jakob, Jassim Yaqoub and Jassem Ya'aqoub.

Farouq Ibrahim Al-Saleh is also shown as Ebrahim Saleh and Farouq Ibrahim.

Husain Mohammad Ahmed Husain is also shown as Hussain Mohammed.

Sa'ad Mohammad Abdulaziz Al-Houti is also shown as Saad Al Hooti.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 39, 19/10/1977, page 4 and 5 by Laurie Schwab with comments from Rale Rasic

Australia's lone goalscorer, Jimmy Rooney, who played with a painful back injury, was quick to defend Australian coach Jim Shoulder after Australia's 1-2 loss to Kuwait.

When it was suggested that Australia seemed to play without plan or purpose, Rooney said: "We had a plan, believe me. Don't blame Jimmy Shoulder, he always cops the blame when we lose. It's the players on the park, no-one else."

Yet one wonders why Shoulder wasted the time and the money to fly to Seoul to study Kuwait in action against South Korea.

When you face superior ball players it's elementary logic not ot give them room to exploit their skill, yet Kuwait had as much room as it wanted.

Also, when you try to crack a defence whose top priority is to force at least a draw, you use players who can go down the flanks not, as Australia did, through the middle.

And if you have an individual opponent as brilliant as Fati Kamil, the "Arabian Pele," you don't let him do as much damage as he did to Australia on Sunday.

Shoulder can be forgiven for not being alert to the threat posed by Kamil, as this brilliant forward did not play in Seoul. In fact, it was his first match for Kuwait in six months! Yet after creating havoc early in the game, Shoulder should have issued strict instructions to keep Kamil shackled. Instead, this amazing ball player beat his opponent, Harry Williams, at will, and made monkeys of all others who challenged him.

In the final analysis, it was Mario Zagalo who beat Australia. Zagalo alone has put Kuwaiti soccer where it is today - on the brink of qualification for the World Cup finals.

It is Zagalo who has Kuwait playing the Brazilian/Continental type of possession soccer that leads the world today.

In comparison, Australia's players have no skill at all. They lack the very basics.

They will continue to lack the basics until we discard the English strain of soccer and embrace the Continental, which is based on skill with the ball.

At the moment, boys all over Australia are growing up with no skill at all.

We need a coaching scheme headed by a man of the stature and the background of Zagalo - a man who commands respect for his achievements, a man who regards soccer as an art to be played by artists.

A Zagalo, a Gorski, a Weisweller, a Miljanic - that's the type of man we need to steer soccer onto a new path, to get kids of Australia learning soccer - not, as Victorian Ken Kontra once described it, Australian Rules with a soccer ball.

Jim Shoulder also sees the problem.

"Australian football has got to take a long, hard look at itself now. We've been taking things for granted. Look at the veterans of our 1974 team that have been injured and then look at who has come through to replace them," he said.

"On the other hand, look at the progress nations like Kuwait have made in the past few years."

It's hard to understand how Shoulder can say something like that while at the same time he shuns players who can play the type of soccer with which Kuwait dissected Australia on Sunday.

Branko Buljevic, that highly skilful, imaginative creator and goalscorer remains out in the cold and Attila Abonyi, who is the same mould, remains from all appearances, a fringe player in Shoulder's eyes. Abonyi came on for Peter Ollerton in the 60th minute but he should have played from the start, ahead of either Adrian Alston or Ollerton.

Abonyi can play on the flank. Alston, who played basically in midfield, Ollerton, and John Kosmina are players who prefer to go straight to goal. Certainly none of them is a true flank player, not even Kosmina.

Another area in which Australia flopped badly, as usual, was pace. The Socceroos are slow! One of the few explosive ones, Harry Williams, wasn't able to use his speed down the left flank because he had his hands full with Kamil.

The following facts must now be stated:

- Our centre backs, Peter Wilson and Col Bennett are not adequate at international level when compared with cultured men like Kuwait's Abdullah and Jusuf or Iranians Kazerani and Abdollahi, or even Korean Cho Young Jeung;

- Jimmy Rooney is our only adequate midfielder;

- Our attack is simply not good enough when John Kosmina does not fire, even after the inclusion of Alston who did not play with the fire or determination we were looking for.

For all the criticism, Australia could have tied up the match had luck been with us in the first 10 minutes.

As early as the 50th second, a long forward ball from Harry Williams was headed inches over the bar by Peter Ollerton.

In the 5th minute Murray Barnes headed the ball back to Ollerton who shot straight and hard but Kuwait's brilliant goalkeeper Ahmed Khadar Tarabulsi saved it well.

RASIC: They're two excellent opportunities for Australia. At the moment, Williams is causing Kuwait a lot of problems. They're not controlling him at all. Look, there he goes again, sending over a lob that enables Kosmina to worry the life out of the goalkeeper.

Jimmy Rooney looks dangerous with a long dribble into the penalty area but he eventually loses the ball and, typical of Kuwait's approach to this game, the Arabs are away in a counter-attack in a flash, getting the ball forward to Feisal Ali whose pass to Kamil is however, unsuccessful.

RASIC: They're extremely dangerous in breaks, but then that's modern football. Australia is playing only two strikers - Ollerton and Kosmina - with the third one made up half by Alston and half by Barnes. We can't afford it against opposition of this calibre.

Incredibly, Kuwait is dominating the midfield despite the fact that we are using both Barnes and Alston in deep positions.

In the 16th minute Kamil goes on his first impressive solo run. Inside the area, he tries to slide the ball square to Abdul Aziz for a shot at goal but Col Curran, the veteran warrior back after three years' absence, is between the two and takes the ball away.

Curran is to emerge as Australia's best player ahead of Rooney.

Kuwait continues stalking the Australians like a wolf stalks its prey. The Arabs allow the Socceroos to advance. They don't tackle, but rather rely on interceptions, and when they get the ball they're fast and methodical.

Saad Mohammed and Kamil cause panic in the Australian defence in a sustained Kuwait attack but Rooney comes to the rescue with a pass back to Maher.

RASIC: That was good work by Rooney but he's not himself today. His back injury must be worrying him. He looks very stiff.

Fair enough, but he's still doing a lot of good work. There he is crossing to Kosmina whose header is cleared off the line by Jakob with goalkeeper Tarabulsi stranded. Alston follows up on the rebound but heads over the bar.

Then a shot by Barnes from just outside the area flashes inches wide of the post.

RASIC: Shoulder should insist on Australia playing from the wings, but we have no permanent wingers in this team. That's where Abonyi would be valuable.

Rooney sends one of his free kick specialties dropping just short, for Kosmina to run onto but Kosmina's attempted hook misses the ball.

RASIC: At this stage I'd say we deserve the lead. We are creating quite a few opportunities that could land in the net. However, I repeat, in a game like this we must have two men permanently on the flanks.

The Kuwaiti full backs - Ahmed Hussein and especially Sultan Jakob - are playing extremely well, yet neither is a regular in the Kuwait team. Jakob has replaced the captain, Abraham Aldourahim.

Disaster strikes Australia four minutes from half time.

Averting danger in defence, Ibrahim slams a long ball forward to Kamil who beats Williams and is set to score but Williams chops him down.

Kamil takes the free kick himself and curves it over the wall into the top right hand corner of goal, a la Buljevic.

RASIC: Unbelievable! I must say at this stage that Kuwait is playing with greater skill than Iran did in Melbourne, although Iran is physically stronger.

Zagalo is on the touchline now, gesticulating that the half is over and that in fact, two extra minutes have been played. Referee Michel Vautrot finally blows his whistle. Vautrot, of France, is excellent throughout the game, maintaining the standard set by Hungerbuhler (Switzerland), Wohrer (Austria) and Keizer (Holland) in the previous World Cup games.

RASIC: If we don't start using the flanks in the second half, it's doubtful we will pull this one out of the fire. There must be more variation, someone must go to the line and cut the ball back.

Australia reappears with Peter Stone in place of Dave Harding who has had a nightmare match. Stone is an improvement.

Within four minutes of the restart, Kuwait goes 2-0 ahead.

Kamil beats Williams and maintains his run past Wilson. The ball goes out to Feisal Ali who tries a shot. Maher is there but he can't hold the ball which runs free to Abdul Aziz, completely unmarked, and Aziz belts the ball into the empty net.

Aziz's goal, but the credit goes to Kamil, whose value is estimated by Zagalo at one million dollars.

In the 54th minute the Arabian Pele is off again. He beats Williams man-to-man, sees Maher coming out and tries to steer the ball wide of Maher, but it hits the bottom of the post, with no-one there to follow up.

RASIC: We must learn to put key men like Kamil out of the game. We should have learned our lesson from what Cha Bum Keun did to us in the game against South Korea.

The crowd starts shouting ABONYI, ABONYI, ABONYI, as Australia's attack grows less and less effective and a few minutes later Abonyi starts warming up. He scored three goals in a trial match against Western Suburbs, yet still he was left out of the team.

When he finally does come on, he replaces Peter Ollerton. Ollerton has not been good, but he is, after all, a goalscorer, and it's goals we need.

RASIC: You're right - the replacement of Barnes would have been better. Even Rooney could be replaced, because he's obviously suffering from that injury.

In the 64th minute Alston is shown the yellow card for dissent. It's one of three shown during the game. The others go to substitute Saed Khalid for repeatedly coming onto the field before Ibrahim has come off, and to Jusuf for time wasting.

RASIC: The Kuwaitis are becoming more and more confident, playing better all the time. They are masters of the ball and play zonal defence brilliantly. In actual ball possession, Australia is far, far behind.

Ali is next to threaten Australia's goal. He beats Col Bennett effortlessly and shoots but luckily Maher is in the way to deflect the ball past the post.

RASIC: We're getting a football lesson. Not even Red Star or Celtic toyed with Australia this way.

Leading by two goals, Kuwait has pulled its little No.6, Saad Mohammed, back into defence, acting as a sweeper in front of the back four, as Ray Richards did before he was prematurely discarded from the Australian squad.

Kuwait has another excellent scoring chance about the 70th minute, when Feisal Ali lobs towards the empty net, with Maher well out. However, Maher somehow manages to back-pedal and leaps backwards to punch the ball out one-handed.

RASIC: These Kuwaitis have super fitness. I haven't seen one of them stop to catch his breath. Performance-wise, over 90 minutes, this is the best team we've seen here since Cruzeiro of Brazil in 1973. That no.6 is a brilliant little player. But of course anything can happen at this stage. If an Australian goal does come, it should come through the right side because Curran is getting an incredible amount of room there, and he's getting the ball over quite often.

Kuwait's goalkeeper gets applause from the crowd - especially from the small Arabian contingent in front of the grandstand - as he flies through the air to grab Curran's corner firmly on his chest. The applause is not so much for that particular effort, but for Tarabulsi's fine display throughout the game.

RASIC: Abonyi is playing midfield! He's the only man who can play on the flank, yet they play him in the midfield!

In the 82nd minute Wilson comes forward for a corner and hurts Tarabulsi in a clash. After receiving treatment, Tarabulsi carries on. Back in defence, Wilson tries to give the ball to Maher but he kicks it at least 10 metres wide, giving Kuwait a cheap corner.

But Australia manages to grab a goal back about five minutes from the end.

Curran lobs the ball into the middle where Alston heads it onto Rooney who nips between the two centre backs and lifts the ball over Tarabulsi, into the net.

RASIC: That's luck in football. We are outplayed for so long but we have a chance like that presented to us.

In a spirited 10-minute revival, Australia gives it all it's got. Stone slings a shot over, Barnes heads menacingly over Tarabulsi but Abdullah heads it clear.

Kosmina, on the turn, cannons a fantastic shot towards goal but Tarabulsi manages to turn it for a corner.

The Arabs are standing in front of their bench now, signalling the end of play, but referee Vautrot is right in letting it go on, as there are at least five minutes of injury time.

Australia continues to press. Barnes bounces a shot goalwards from a Kosmina throw-in and Curran shoots just high after a dashing run.

Then the match is over and hundreds of jubilant Arabs rush onto the field to congratulate their heroes and to carry Fati Kamil on their shoulders in tribute to a great player.

Kuwait is now well placed to qualify for the World Cup finals, while Australia's chances are shot.

RASIC: Our task is difficult, but we are not yet out of it. We have four more games to play and anything can happen.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Rooney 85th) KUWAIT 2 (Kamil 42nd, Aziz 49th) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd: 12,015.

AUSTRALIA: Maher, Curran, Wilson, Bennett, Williams, Barnes, Harding (Stone, half time), Alston, Rooney, Kosmina, Ollerton (Abonyi 60th min.)

KUWAIT: Ahmed Khadar Tarabulsi, Ahmed Hussein, Adnan Abdullah, Abdullah Jusuf, Sultan Jakob, Faruk Ibrahim (Saed Khalid 85th), Saad Mohammed, Hamrad Khaled, Fati Kamil, Feisal Ali, Abdul Aziz Saud.

Referee: Michel Vautrot (France).

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round														
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
23rd. October 1977,			Municipal Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic									20000		
Korea Republic (South Korea)..0 v. Australia..0														
half time, Korea Republic..0 v. Australia..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Kim Hee-Cheon						GK	Allan Maher					
	DF	Choi Jong-Duk						DF	Colin "Col" Curran					
	DF	Park Sung-Hwa						DF	Peter Wilson (c)		40			
	DF	Cho Young-Jeung				53		DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					
	DF	Kim Ho-Kon (c)						DF	George Harris					
	MF	Huh Jung-Moo		27				MF	Gary Byrne					
	MF	Park Sang-In						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				62	
	MF	Kim Kang-Nam						MF	Peter Stone					
	FW	Park Yung-Joo				80		FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina		76			
	FW	Kim Jae-Han						FW	Peter Ollerton				67	
	FW	Cha Bum-Keun						FW	Attila Abonyi		69			
SUBSTITUTES														
	DF	Kim Hee-Tae		74		53			Gary Marocchi				62	
	MF	Lee Young-Moo				80			Adrian Alston				67	
Team Coach		Kim Jung Nam					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager		Choi Jung Min					Team Manager							
Referee		Ulf Eriksson (Sweden)												
Linesman														
Linesman														

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Australia and South Korea played a disappointing scoreless draw in a match of missed chances, with Australia failing to convert at least six opportunities, and South Korea missing seven times.

Play was often rough, with five players being given official cautions.

Australia had the better of play in the first half with its constant probing, and pressured the South Korean defence only to see the openings squandered, with Victorian Peter Ollerton the main offender.

South Korea took charge of the second half and only solid defence by the Australians, and some brilliant saves by goalkeeper Allan Maher kept the result scoreless.

The drawn result means there was no winner but two losers. By drawing, the Socceroos and South Korea inflicted incalculable damage on each other's World Cup aspirations.

South Korea actually heads the table in the five-nation Asian qualifying tournament with six points from five matches, while the Socceroos have five points from the same number of games.

But the two Middle East countries look the ones to beat. Iran has five points, the same as Australia, from only three encounters and Kuwait has four points also from three matches.

After the game Socceroo coach Jim Shoulder conceded it would be "very difficult" to win through to Argentina but steadfastly refused to write off his team's chances.

However, only a supreme optimist would still rate the Australians any sort of chance at all, as they have just three matches left to bring about a miracle.

Despite seeing their World Cup campaign on the skids, the atmosphere in the Australian dressing room after the game was enough to convince local onlookers that the Socceroos had won a Cup final.

The Aussies were singing in full voice, and on the bus going back to their hotel, team physiotherapist Peter van Ryn made an uncharacteristic speech, saying particularly the younger players - Gary Byrne, Peter

Stone, Gary Marocchi and Allan Maher - had made him a "very, very proud man" by their gritting performance.

The see-sawing match produced an abundance of chances at both ends, and a healthy serving of heart-stopping goalmouth incidents.

There were two close calls in the opening three minutes.

Australian striker Peter Ollerton flicked a back-header from a long throw-in by John Kosmina only to see the ball trickle along the goal line before being cleared.

And at the other end, Socceroo captain Peter Wilson was forced to clear a left-foot effort by Korean midfielder Park San In off his goal line.

Ollerton, who was replaced by Adrian Alston midway through the second half, had four clear-cut opportunities in the first term.

In the 18th minute he headed just wide from a Jimmy Rooney free kick and minutes later his attempted waist-high volley directly in front of goal screwed away when he could not get his foot over the ball.

In the 31st minute striker Attila Abonyi sent fullback Col Curran on an overlapping run down the right. Curran's low, hard cross found Ollerton unmarked in front of goal but the big striker blasted the ball skyward from eight metres.

Ollerton was on the spot again just before the interval. A Rooney free kick from the left eluded everyone in the packed goalmouth, breaking free to Ollerton who managed only to hammer his drive into the side netting.

Rooney himself came closest to scoring when in the 29th minute his delicately-angled chip from the right slithered tantalisingly along the cross-bar before dropping out.

It was a similar story at the Korean end. As expected, strikers Kim Jae Han and Cha Bum Keun created all sorts of havoc in the Australian defence but like the Socceroos, could not apply the killer punch.

The tall frame of Kim Jae Han dominated the aerial duels and he came close to breaching Australia's defence in the 21st minute with a diving header that skimmed past the upright.

Midfielders Park San In, Park Joung Whoon and Kim Kang Nam also came within an ace of putting the home side ahead.

Captain Wilson was the first Australian to be booked, when he ended Huh Jung Moo's solo run at goal by chopping the Korean's legs five minutes before half time.

Abonyi was shown the yellow card in the second half, also for a late foul on the unfortunate Huh Jung Moo, and forward John Kosmina received his booking for a dangerous sliding tackle after Korean goalkeeper had gathered the ball.

Huh Jung Moo also figured in a third booking - his own. His crime was continually infringing over the 10 metre mark at an Australian free kick.

The other Korean disciplined by the referee was substitute Kim Hee Tae, for an aggressive tackle that sent Abonyi crashing to the turf.

Coach Jim Shoulder made two second half substitutions. The first was a real surprise when he threw youngster Gary Maroochi in for his first taste of World Cup football, replacing veteran Jimmy Rooney.

Alston replaced Ollerton six minutes later.

The only Australian chance to speak of in the second half was the 54th minute effort of Kosmina, who pushed the ball past two defenders and cracked a 20-metre drive that the Korean goalkeeper punched away for a corner.

In contrast, the Korean attack was on fire. Kim Jae Han claimed a penalty in the 55th minute, signalling to the crowd that Wilson had used his hands to stop his header.

The towering striker had one of the best opportunities of the match nine minutes later when Cha slotted a pass in front of goal but he was well wide of the mark.

With the Australian defence at sixes and sevens Cha again crossed, only for Kim Kang Nam to head centimetres over the bar.

Urged on by the local crowd of 20,000 the Koreans pressed forward in the dying stages without success.

Twice in the last 12 minutes Cha and Park ripped through Australia's defence with crisp inter-passing but Harris, Bennett and Wilson combined to clear.

SOUTH KOREA 0 AUSTRALIA 0 in Seoul. Crowd: 30,000

AUSTRALIA: Allan Maherm Col Curran, Peter Wilson, Col Bennett, George Harris, Gary Byrne, Jim Rooney (Gary Marocchi 62nd min), Peter Stone, John Kosmina, Peter Ollerton (Adrian Alston 67th min), Atti Abonyi.

SOUTH KOREA: Kim Hee Cheon, Choi Jong Deok, Park Sung Wha, Choi Young Jeung (Kim Hee Tae 53rd min), Kam Ho Kong, Huh Jung Moo, Park San In, Kim Kang Nam, Park Joung Whoon (Lee Young Moo 80th min), Kim Jae Han, Cha Bum Keun.

Bookings: Huh Jung Moo (27th min), Peter Wilson (40th min), Atti Abonyi (69th min), Kim Hee Tae (74th min), John Kosmina (76th min).

Referee: Ulf Eriksson (Sweden).

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. October 1977,			Government Stadium, Hong Kong									8000	
Hong Kong..2 v. Australia..5													
half time, Hong Kong..0 v. Australia..3													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ma Pit Hung						GK	Allan Maher				
		Chan Sai Kau						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				75
		Choi York Yee				30		DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
		Tsang Ting Fai						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett	86			
		Li Kwai Hung (c)						DF	George Harris				
		Kwok Ka Ming						MF	Gary Byrne				
		Tang Hung Cheong	66	X				MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
		Wu Kwok Hung						MF	Peter Stone				
		Chung Chor Wai	80	X				FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				75*
		Wun Chee Keung				46		FW	Peter Ollerton	18, 21, 27			
		Sze Kin Hay		89				FW	Attila Abonyi	59(pk)	X		
SUBSTITUTES													
		Lai Sun Cheung				30			Gary Marocchi				75
		Cheung Ka Ping				46			John Nyskohus				75*
Team Coach		Franz van Balkon					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach		Ron Smith				
Team Manager							Team Manager		Mike Weinstein				
Referee		Alexis Ponnet (Belgium)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 20, Number 42, page 3, 4/11/1977

What Jim Shoulder has been praying for has at long last been mercifully answered: three quick, decisive goals within the first half hour put the Socceroos in easy street.

After that, the surprisingly nervous, by now feverishly palpitating Hong Kong accepted a supporting role for the rest of the game.

And had the Australians been more alert and less heat-affected towards the end, they could have recorded a smashing, huge win.

It all started according to a by now familiar pattern; after a mere 20 seconds, Ollerton missed with a header from three metres, following a lovely Kosmina cross.

Seven minutes later Byrne's 20-metre shot died off in the arms of the goalkeeper.

But Australia was pressing on relentlessly: that an early goal was eagerly and positively sought.

And in the 18th minute it duly arrived: again it was Kosmina who streaked off on the left, crossed, Ollerton headed from two metres - into the goalie, but the ball ran loose and the tall striker swept it in from inches.

Barely three minutes later it was 2-0.

Now it was the energetic and enterprising Stone who made a run on the left, slipped the ball to the middle and Ollerton, meeting the ball at full pelt, rammed it home from about eight metres.

Maher had to make his first save two minutes later - but the Australian siege continued.

In the 27th minute, the match was virtually over.

A shot bounced back from the Hong Kong defenders and Ollerton, putting months of accumulated venom in his shot, crashed it home from some 22 metres - a truly brilliant goal.

George Harris could have made it 4-0 in the 39th minute, but close to the goal he fumbled.

The second half also began promisingly.

In the 49th minute Rooney's bent freekick found Abonyi but, at close range, he missed.

Yet another Rooney freekick threatened; in the 54th minute it was splendidly volleyed by Ollerton and well saved by the goalie.

But six minutes later, with a somewhat fortunate goal, it was 4-0.

Kosmina was chasing a long throughball and, more by momentum than design, crashed into the goalie who had been in possession.

The goalie - as all goalies do - lifted his knee to stave off Kosmina's charge and was promptly penalised with a spot-kick.

Abonyi, not a man to look a gifhorse in the mouth, easily converted.

For a few minutes it looked as though the game may get out of control; Hong Kong, probably frustrated and annoyed, began to commit some crude fouls.

The Socceroos retaliated and the Belgian referee was darting around the pitch trying to restore sanity.

Eventually tempers cooled - but not before Tang Hung Cheong came into collision with Ollerton's elbow and temporarily retired with a split eyelid.

Abonyi missed at close range in the 65th minute, following another Rooney freekick - and one minute later it was 4-1.

A quick Hong Kong attack ended with a shot, the ball rebounded and Tang Hung Cheong, even partially blinded, smashed the ball in from a few metres.

Now Australia began to tire; the heat, late afternoon humidity and days of somewhat unorthodox training schedules took their toll.

The earlier composure of the defence faded, the vibrant, almost joyous spirit of the attackers dimmed.

And Hong Kong sensed this. Anxious to avoid humiliation, they started to probe the Socceroo bastions with increasing severity.

In the 75th minute Maher was forced to bring off a brilliant save - but five minutes later he was helpless.

Tong Hung Cheong darted free on the right, unenthusiastically chased by Wilson; his shot was parried and Chung Chor Wai whacked home the rebound.

While in no danger, the Aussies were clearly upset by this second enemy affrontery.
None more than Bennett, still full of strength and fight.
Four minutes from the end he moved up to Marocchi corner and darting forward sent home a perfect headre - his first goal in four years.
The 5-2 scoreline actually flatters Hong Kong; the Socceroos were more than three goals better.
Had they taken a few more of their chances - and had they cared to deny Hong Kong theirs - it could easily have been 6-0 or so.
But one shouldn't get too greedy suddenly; a 5-2 would do us any and every time. Say in Kuwait and Iran. . .
For the first time in months, Australia played confidently and effectively.
They did not try to be too clever by half against the individually skilled Chinese but used their speed, height and mobility smartly.
The defence, so reliable in Seoul, fell into strange lapses and contributed to its own problems.
The midfield, for some 65 or 70 minutes, was creative and enterprising.
As for the strikers, the five goals speak for themselves.
Hong Kong v. Australia 2-5 (0-3)
Hong Kong: Ma Pit Hung, Chan Sai Kau, Choi York Yee (30: Lai Sun Cheung), Tsang Ting Fai, Li Kwai Hung (c), Kwok Ka Ming, Tang Hung Cheong, Wu Kwok Hung, Chung Chor Wai (c), Wun Chee Keung (45: Cheung Ka Ping), Sze Kin Hay.
Australia: Maher, Curran (75: Marocchi), Bennett, Wilson, Harris, Byrne, Stone, Rooney, Abonyi, Ollerton, Kosmina (75: Nyskohus).
Goals: Ollerton (18), Ollerton (21), Ollerton (27), Abonyi (60, pen.), Tang Hung Cheong (66), Chung Chor Wai (80), Bennett (86).
Crowd: 8,000
Referee: A.Ponnet (Belgium).

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 2, Number 41, page 3, 3/11/1977
Peter Ollerton's lightning hat trick in the opening 26 minutes paved the way for Australia's 5-2 victory over Hong Kong and heralded the Socceroos long-awaited return to the winner's circle in the World Cup soccer qualifying group.
The winning margin will provide a big lift in confidence for Australia's remaining two matches in Kuwait on November 19 and Iran on November 25, which they must also win.
For Ollerton, who has come under heavy attack recently for missing his chances in front of goal, it was a day of sweet revenge. The "Big O" banged in his hat-trick in the space of just eight minutes, silencing his critics in the most effective way.
The match was all over by half time. For that matter, it was all over after 26 minutes, and when Atti Abonyi coolly converted a controversial penalty early in the second half, a real whitewash was on the cards.
But to its eternal credit, Hong Kong which now has five straight defeats to its name, pegged two goals back in a second half marked by four bookings.
It was big Australian defender Col Bennett who applied the coup de grace in the dying minutes when he headed in a corner to make it 5-2, enlarging on the 3-0 result to Australia when the two teams met in Adelaide in July.
Australia now tops the table in the Asian group for the first time, but only on goal difference from Iran which has two matches in hand.
Australia's first two goals were the result of brilliant lead-up work in midfield, compounded by slack marking in the Hong Kong defence.
In the 18th minute, Jimmy Rooney laid the opening goal on a platter when he stabbed a pass to the unmarked Ollerton, who made no mistake from straight from straight in front.
Just three minutes later, young midfielder Peter Stone sliced through the Hong Kong defence like a knife through hot butter, beating four men and laying a perfect cross into the path of the charging Ollerton.
The big striker picked his spot and his low, hard drive gave goalkeeper Ma Pit Hung no chance in the world.
But the third goal, in the 26th minute, was all Ollerton's own magic.
Gary Byrne's cross from the left was headed out by a defender and Ollerton rocketed back a waist-high volley fro 20 metres that had the bewildered Ma picking the ball out of the net for the third time.
Australian goalkeeper Allan Maher, who had earlier made a brilliant save from Hong Kong striker Chung Chor Wai, could not restrain himself and raced to the halfway line to heap his congratulations on Ollerton.
Atti Abonyi's neat footwork was giving Ollerton plenty of support, although John Kosmina seemed to be struggling for his usual pace and was replaced by John Nyskohus in the second half.
Coach Jim Shoulder also brought Gary Marocchi into midfield for the second term, sending the versatile Stone to right back to replace Col Curran, who was taken off.
In the second half, the Hong Kong players seemed more intent on physical retribution.
Two of them were booked in the opening eight minutes of the half, Tan Hung Cheong and Chung Chor Wai.
A third player, Sze Kin Hay, was booked a minute from the end for a foul on Nyskohus.
Tan Hung Cheong, who was booked for fouling Stone, was felled behind the play shortly afterwards and Hong Kong played with 10 men for a short period while he received treatment on the sideline.
The Hong Kong players claimed Ollerton had punched him. He was taken to hospital after the game for stitches to a cut above the eye.
The penalty awarded to Australia in the 59th minute was a controversial one. The Hong Kong players claimed that Kosmina had charged into their goalkeeper after he had gathered the ball but the Australians, and the Belgian referee Alexis Ponnet, said that the goalkeeper had raised his foot and kicked Kosmina.
The resultant spot kick was coolly converted by Abonyi.
Both of the Hong Kong goals, scored in the 65th and 70th minutes, were the result of accurate through balls which goalkeeper Allan Maher managed to parry but which fell free to the colony team's forwards.
Maher managed to parry the first thrust with his legs but the ball broke loose to Tang Hung Cheong, who shot past Bennett into an empty goal.
In the second attack Cheung Ka Ping was again put through and he beat Australian captain Peter Wilson for pace before hitting a shot that Maher again parried.
But again the ball rolled loose to Chung Chor Wai who sent his shot screaming into the roof of the net from six metres.
With only four minutes remaining, the Socceroos wrapped it all up when Nyskohus forced a corner which was taken by Marocchi. Big Col Bennett made a long lopping run into the goalmouth and the Hong Kong defence allowed him a free header which he rammed with great power and glee into the back of the net.
AUSTRALIA 5: Ollerton 19th, 21st, 26th, Abonyi penalty 59th, Bennett 85th. HONG KONG 2: Tang Hung Cheong 65th, Chung Chor Wai 80th.
Attendance: 6,000
Australian team: Maher, Curran (Marocchi 75th), Wilson, Bennet, Harris, Byrne, Rooney, Stone, Kosmina (Nyskohus 75th), Ollerton, Abonyi.

match report from the South China Morning Post, 31/10/1977, page 16

Australia kept briefly alive their faint World Cup hopes by beating Hongkong 5-2 in yesterday's Asian qualifying game at the Stadium.

The Australians were markedly aided by a spineless performance from the Hongkong national team who finished their home games in the second qualifying tournament on a dismal note.

Australia were made to look much better than they are and Iran must rank as absolute certainties to make the trip to Argentina.

Hongkong had already let the fans down by their weak performance against Kuwait but yesterday they reached even lower depths.

Less than 10,000 fans bothered to attend and those who stayed away can be thankful this morning.

Hongkong were guilty of most sins in the soccer book but easily the worst was their abject surrender in the face of Australian pressure which produced three first half goals which came with an ease which surprised even the Australians.

There was scarcely the semblance of a fight from the majority of the Hongkong team and one should not be deluded by the two goals they scored.

These came late in the game when Australia not only looked tired but were also resting on their laurels.

There was not one member of this Hongkong side to emerge with any credit and coach Frans van Balkom could readily implement his implied threat to leave half the team behind when they make the trip to the Middle East next month.

In terms of international football the defence was a sorry joke. Goalkeeper, Ma Bit-hung simply underlined the fact that Hongkong do not possess goalkeepers of any standing but even he can rarely have experienced such a nightmarish 90 minutes as he went through yesterday.

Lacking confidence from the start he remained glued to his line and was directly responsible for at least two of the Australian goals.

South China's Choy Yuk-yue was completely dominated by the forceful Ollerton and his departure after 30 minutes must have been a heartfelt relief to him.

Lai Sun-cheung replaced him and did much better but the damage, of course, had already been done.

The midfield with Kwok Ka-ming and Tang Hung-cheong, in particular, did nothing to further Hongkong's cause and the slack marking and failure to run made life even easier for Australia.

Hongkong's attack ran up against a brick wall in the first half with Australian skipper Peter Wilson dominating and there was never really any suggestion that Hongkong might find away round or through the Socceroos rearguard.

Australia played competently and had the man of the match in midfielder Jimmy Rooney. The Scots-born player had a tremendous 90 minutes and helped to spark Australia's victory.

Burly centre forward Ollerton notched a hat-trick with his third goal, a particularly fine effort, while Abonyi and Kosmina figured prominently in the supporting task.

The game itself reached no heights and Australia's task looks only marginally easier after this gift-wrapped victory.

Ma Bit-hung, who had looked desperately shaky in the first five minutes, handed Australia their first goal in the 18th minute when he weakly mishandled a Kosmina cross and Ollerton slammed the ball home from close range.

Three minutes later Australia went two up when Abonyi paralysed the Hongkong defence with a great run down the left and swung the ball back to Ollerton, completely unmarked, who duly completed the move.

A free kick for Hongkong in the 23rd minute saw Wu Kwok-hung bring Maher full length with a neat flick but three minutes later the game was over when Ollerton blazed home a superb 30-yard drive. The ball was headed out by Choy Yuk-yue but, in fact, goalkeeper Ma should have had it earlier.

Friction came in to the game in the early stages of the second half. Tang Hung-cheong appeared to have been hit in an off the ball incident in the 51st minute. Soon after this Chung Chor-wai was cautioned and then in the 59th minute Hongkong conceded a penalty.

Goalkeeper Ma came out with his feet up to Kosmina and the referee correctly applied the laws of the game by awarding a penalty. The judgment would only have been considered harsh by the standards applied by Hongkong's permissive referees.

Abonyi duly scored but was later cautioned as the game continued to fall away.

In the 65th minute Tang Hung-cheong pulled one back for Hongkong when Maher palmed out a Chung Chor-wai shot and in the 79th minute Chung made it 4-2 by blazing home another rebound from the 'keeper.

The fragility of the Hongkong defence was once more exposed three minutes from time when defender Col Bennett had all the time and space in the world to head home from a Marrochi corner with 'keeper Ma statue-like on the line.

HONGKONG.. ..2 (Tang Hung-cheong 65 mins, Chung Chor-wai 79 mins) AUSTRALIA.. ..5 (Ollerton 18, 21 and 26 mins, Abonyi 59 mins, Bennett 87 mins).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
6th. November 1977,			Cromer Park, Dee Why, Sydney, New South Wales									1828	
New South Wales U-21..0 v. Australia..2													
half time, New South Wales U-21..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher						GK					
		Jim Basterfield						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
		Bruce Doyle						DF	Peter Wilson				
		John Doyle						DF	Richard "Richie" Bell				
		John Davies (c)						DF					
		John Dick						MF	Gary Byrne				
								MF	David "Dave" Harding	X			
								MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
		Terry Jones				X		FW	Adrian Alston				
		Craig Hall						FW	Peter Stone				
								FW	Attila Abonyi	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Chris Cassettari											
Team Coach							Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Assistant Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Peter Rampley											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Manly Daily (8/11/1977)

The strong performance of a NSW under-21 Soccer team, which included two Manly players so impressed national coach Jim Shoulder that he asked for a return match against the Australian side. Shoulder, who is busily preparing the Australian team for their second leg World Cup qualifying matches, asked for the replay after the Socceroos defeated the under-21s 2-0 at Cromer Park on Sunday. The replay will be held at Cromer Park on Thursday night.

The Socceroos scored a goal in both halves but were troubled several times by the the enthusiastic attack of the under-21s. Manly's sweeper John Dick and stopper Bruce Doyle were among the youngsters' outstanding players. They played soundly and were not overawed by marking experienced internationals Adrian Alston and Atti Abonyi.

The under-21s captain, John Davies, was another who must have impressed Shoulder. A goal ahead at the interval, the Socceroos took a tight grip on the game in the second half and began to dominate the midfield. Allan Maher, the under-21s goalkeeper, made several good saves as the Socceroos got their attack moving. The Australian team finally pierced the under-21s defensive screen when Garry Byrne sped down the right wing. He crossed the ball to Alston who set up the opportunity for Dave Harding to score.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. November 1977,			Cromer Park, Dee Why, Sydney, New South Wales										
New South Wales U-21..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, New South Wales U-21..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Chris Cassettari						GK	John "Jack" Reilly				
								DF	Gary Byrne				
		Bruce Doyle						DF	David Jones				
								DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
		John Davies (c)						DF	George Harris				
		John Dick						MF	Gary Marocchi				
								MF	David "Dave" Harding				
								MF	Peter Stone	4			
		Graham Barker	48					FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina				
								FW	Peter Ollerton				
								FW	John Nyskoshus				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Adrian Alston				
Team Coach						Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					
						Assistant Coach							
Team Manager						Team Manager							
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Match report from the Manly Daily (12/11/1977)

Manly goal-keeper Chris Cassettari was the star of the NSW under-21 Soccer team's gallant performance against the Australian team on Thursday night.

The under-21s held the Socceroos to a 1-1 draw at Cromer Park in the national team's final appearance in Australia before flying out for World Cup qualifying matches.

Down 1-0 four minutes after the start, the under-21s fought back to level the score just after half-time, then held on gamely for a draw. Cassettari, who was omitted from the under-21 team beaten 2-0 by the Socceroos last Sunday, made all the difference in the second game. The only ball that sneaked past came when he was unsighted by a wall of players when Adrian Alston laid on a ball for Peter stone.

The pressure which mounted late in the second half as the Socceroos mounted attack after attack in an effort to produce a face-saving win. He pulled off half a dozen good saves as the Socceroos peppered the goal.

The prestigious draw, following a headed goal from Graham Barker three minutes into the second half, ended the under-21 teams commitments for the season on a higher note.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. November 1977, 19.30			Kallang National Stadium, Singapore										40000	
Singapore..0 v. Australia..2														
half time, Singapore..0 v. Australia..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Eric Paine						GK	Allan Maher					
		Hasli Ibrahim						DF	Colin "Col" Curran					
4		Samad Alapitchay		X				DF	David Jones					
5		Syed Mutalib						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett					
		Robert Sim						DF	George Harris					
		Zainal Abideen						MF	Gary Byrne					
		Leong Kok Fann						MF	James "Jim" Rooney					
		M.Kumar						MF	Peter Stone	15			X	
		Dollah Kassim						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina					
		Arshad Khamis						FW	Peter Ollerton				X*	
		Quah Kim Song						FW	Attila Abonyi	31	X		X**	
SUBSTITUTES														
									David "Dave" Harding				X	
									Adrian Alston				X*	
									John Nyskohus				X**	
Team Coach		Said Hussein					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		George Suppiah												
Linesman		John Ong												
Linesman														

Match report from The Straits Times (14/11/1977, page 23)

<http://newspapers.nl.sg/Digitised/Article/straitstimes19771114-1.2.131.6.aspx>

World Cup referee George Suppiah wanted a memorable finish to his 25-year career as a soccer referee and he almost got more than he had bargined for last night - rough play almost turned the Singapore versus Australia international match into shambles. Nevertheless, it was a memorable one and Suppiah said: "I enjoyed every minute of it although it came close to a rough house." He had a great day. He flashed the yellow card twice - to Samad Alapitchay and Attila Abonyi; stopped the match three times to prevent the players from brawling; and once was accused by the Australians for favouring Singapore.

It was this that spoiled an almost flawless game for him, and it came when he disallowed a third Australian goal scored by Adrian Alston in the 75th minute. A shot taken by Peter Stone from the edge of the penalty box was deflected by Syed Mutalib on to the post. The rebound was snapped up by Adrian Alston who pushed it over the line. Was it a goal? Many thought it was. But Suppiah said: "Alston was already in an offside position when the shot was taken by Stone and I pulled him up for the infringement." Linesman John Ong did not, however, indicate for an offside.

Suppiah stole the lead role in last night's match from the SEA Games team whose performance was only a shadow of their first performance against Moscow Spartak. The usually reliable defence was almost in shambles. The Australians could have walked away with a bigger margin had it not been for Syed Mutalib, the only player to play to form. The midfield and forwards played as if they did not want to risk injuries before their departure for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow. But after Dollah Kassim was injured in the 21st minute, the Singapore players lost control of themselves and the Australians had things their own way. The Australians were allowed to move unchecked and it was no surprise when they scored. In the match they took 22 shots at goal and forced six corners. Singapore managed only to get in three shots at goal, two of them from sweeper Samad Alapitchay, and one corner in the 80th minute. The Australians, as expected, used their physical advantage to good purpose to upset the rhythm of the Singapore players. But there was no doubt that the Australians last night were better than their previous teams.

The opening goal, scored by Peter Stone in the 15th minute off a cross from Peter Ollerton, could have been saved if Eric had been alert. Eric made another mistake in the 31st minute when he slipped when fielding a header by Peter Ollerton and Attila Abonyi scored. A minute before the interval Samad made a brilliant save when he cleared off the line a shot by Gary Byrne, after Edmund was beaten by Ollerton to a high lob. After the first half thrills, more were expected in the second half but it turned out to be dull as both teams resorted to robust play.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. November 1977, 15.00			Kuwait Sports Stadium, Kuwait City, Kuwait									25000	
Kuwait..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, Kuwait..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ahmed Khadr Al-Tarabulsi						GK	Allan Maher				
								DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
								DF	David Jones				
								DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
		Bo Abbas Badr						DF	George Harris		X		
								MF	Gary Byrne				
								MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)				
								MF	Peter Stone				
		Fathi Kameel Matar Marzouq						FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina		54	57	
16	FW	Faisal Ali Al-Dakheel	51					FW	Peter Ollerton				
	FW	Abdul Aziz Sa'oud Al-Anbary						FW	Attila Abonyi				69
SUBSTITUTES													
									John Nyskohus				69
Team Coach		Mario Zagalo					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Josef Bucek (Austria)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 21/11/1977, page 35

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Australian striker John Kosmina was sensationally ordered off the field by the referee as Kuwait scored a 1-0 victory here last night that hammered the conclusive nail in the Socceroo's World Cup coffin.

It also signalled the end of coach Jimmy Shoulder's contract.

Kosmina received his marching orders in what Shoulder described as an "unjustifiable" decision only minutes after Kuwait striker Faisal Al Dakheel smashed home the 51st minute goal that served as Australia's obituary notice in the World Cup Asian qualifying group.

The Socceroos were forced to play the rest of the game with only 10 men.

Needing victory to stay in contention for a berth in next year's Argentina finals, they threw every available man into attack and ran themselves into the ground but could not crack the Kuwait defence.

After the match a disappointed Shoulder said: "I feel sick for the players who have every reason to hold their heads high after their courageous display."

The Socceroos began the match determined to give nothing away.

Full-back George Harris, rated by Shoulder as "man of the match", was shadowing Kuwait's "Arabian Pele" Fathi Kameel, and forward Atti Abonyi dropped back to strengthen the midfield grip of Peter Stone, Gary Byrne and acting captain Jimmy Rooney.

This mobile quartet dominated the middle by pressuring Kuwait into errors, but as a result the Socceroos were left with only a two-pronged attack of Kosmina and Peter Ollerton.

Wherever Kameel went Harris followed and the resolute defender, who had a pain-killing injection in his injured ankle before the game, was worth his weight in gold.

Kuwait striker Abdul Aziz Saud had the best chances of the half but he completely missed a header right in front of goal in the 10th minute.

Kuwait's goal, six minutes into the second half, followed a well-engineered run on the left by Bo-Abbas Badr. He passed to Faisal who pushed the ball just wide of two Australian defenders, turned on a sixpence and rocketed a low drive from 15 metres that gave goalkeeper Allan Maher no chance.

When Kosmina was sent off six minutes later Australia's task looked hopeless.

Australia almost grabbed the equaliser 20 minutes from the end when Rooney cracked a left-foot shot on the turn from 15 metres, but Al Taraboulsi brought off a miraculous diving save to turn the ball past the post. Ollerton also came close with a header eight minutes from time.

Kuwait 1 (Faisal Al Dakheel 51st minute) d. Australia 0 at Kuwait City sports stadium. Crowd: 25,000.

Australia team: Goal: Allan Maher, Defence: Col Curran, David Jones, Col Bennett, George Harris, Midfield: Gary Byrne, Jimmy Rooney (capt.), Peter Stone. Forwards: John Kosmina (sent off 57th), Peter Ollerton, Atti Abonyi (John Nyskohus 69th)

Points table in the Asian qualifying group:

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
IRAN	6	4	2	-	9	2	10
Kuwait	7	4	1	2	12	6	9
South Korea	7	2	4	1	7	6	8
Australia	7	3	1	3	11	7	7
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	3	21	-

match report from the Kuwait Times, 20/11/1977

The Australian soccer team, despite resorting to foul play and violence, was dealt the crushing humiliation of defeat by Kuwait to 1-0 score Saturday here.

The visitors, playing their second round of the home-and-away game for the Asian Group qualifying round for the World Soccer Cup, resorted to every possible foul, which was ignored many times as a matter of magnanimity. But their No.10 player was seen indulging in rough play too often and, during a goalmouth melee, hit goalkeeper Ahmad Trabulsi, who fell to the ground. Medical attention was rushed immediately and the game was stopped for a few minutes.

Later, another Australian player, John (No.9), picked from where his No.10 team-mate had left. John was served warning for repeated rough play, but he did not heed. The climax came when he hit Al-Dhakheel, who left the ground immediately in disgust.

Coach Mario Zagalo, who was watching all these from the stands, could not take it any more and walked down to the ground, apparently to talk the players out of violence. But the Australian No.9 player again hit Trabulsi in defiance and was soon expelled.

A section of the fans watching this unfair game grew restive and entered the ground immediately. But police manning strategic posts held back the surging irath crowd and the game was resumed again.

The match, played at the Kuwait Sports Stadium, started hesitantly, but the Kuwaiti team pressed hard against the Australians immediately afterwards. It was this strong attack-and-defence that may have irritated the visitors, whose another victim was the fine player, Abdul Aziz Al-Anbari.

After ten minutes of the first half, an Australian player was seen playing long and high shots. Fouls followed galore but the referees chose to ignore them - may be in a spirit of magnanimity. Two star players of the Kuwaiti side - Fathi Kameel and Al-Anbari - were constantly under keen watch. The game was also a man-to-man match.

The lone goal was scored in the sixth minute of the second half when Badre Bou Abbas passed over the ball to Abdul Aziz Al-Anbari, who in return, passed it to Al-Dakheel. Dakheel converted the pass neatly.

Fathi Kameel was about to score another goal, but he was deliberately pushed by the visitors.

The Australian team will now play Iran on November 25 at the Aryamehr Stadium at Tehran. Kuwait will play Iran on December 3.

World Cup, AFC/OFC Qualifying Final Round													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
25th. November 1977,			Aryamehr Stadium, Tehran, Iran								95000		
Iran..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, Iran..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Nasser Hejazi						GK	Allan Maher				
		Hassan Nazari						DF	Gary Byrne				
		Hossein Kazerani						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
		Nassrollah Abdollahie						DF	Colin "Col" Bennett				
		Andranik Eskandarian						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
		Hassan Nayebagha						MF	Gary Marocchi				
		Ali Parvin (c)						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				
		Ebrahim Ghasempour						MF	Peter Stone				
		Mohammad Sadeghi						FW	Adrian Alston		X		
		Ghafour Jahani	44					FW	Peter Ollerton		X		
		Mohammadreza Adelkhani		X				FW	Attila Abonyi				45
SUBSTITUTES													
									John Nyskohus				45
Team Coach		Heshmat Mohajerani					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Michel Kitabdjian (France)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sun-Herald 27/11/1977, page 89

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A goal by Ghaffur Jahani in the 44th minute gave Iran a 1-0 win against Australia yesterday and a place in the finals of the World Soccer Cup in Argentina next year.

The win ensured that Iran would lead the Asian qualifying group table, even though two more matches have yet to be played.

With 12 points, Iran cannot be overtaken by their nearest rivals, Kuwait, on nine points, whom they meet in the final qualifying match in Kuwait on December 3.

Iran joins Argentina (hosts), West Germany (holders), Brazil, Peru, Scotland, France, Holland, Poland, Austria, Sweden and Mexico as Argentina definites. It is the first time Iran has qualified.

More than 90,000 people in Aryamehr Stadium saw the Iranians give their best performance in the Asian qualifying competition.

Jahani's goal came when he picked up a ball dropped by the Australian goalkeeper Allan Maher, who had failed to control a shot by Ali Parvin.

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Date & Time		Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
7th. June 1978,		Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, New South Wales									6102		
Newcastle KB United..3 v. Australia..2													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ossie Bellamy						GK	Allan Maher				
	MF	Bill Amey				X							
		Slav Catalovski	X										
		William "Bill" Summerscales	X						Murray Barnes	X, X			
		Kenny Boden	X										
		Craig Mason											
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Sneddon											
Manager Coach		Alan Vest					Team Coach		Jim Shoulder				
							Team Manager		T.Crimson				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Newcastle KB United squad consisted of:-

Phil Dando, Peter Willis, Neal Endacott, Craig Mason, Bill Summerscales, Roy Drinkwater, Lloyd Hardes, Slav Catalovski, Kenny Boden, Peter Kay, Bill Amey, John J.Turnball, Mike Galpin, John Sneddon, Col. Curran, Peter Tredinnick, Bob Mountford, Craig Johnson, Ossie Bellamy.

The Australian squad included:-

Allan Maher (Marconi), Garry Byrne (Marconi), Paul Degney (Marconi), John Stevenson (Eastern Suburbs), John O'Shea (St.George), Peter Stone (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (St.George), Peter Sharne (Marconi), Murray Barnes (Eastern Suburbs), Joe Senkalski (Sydney Olympic), Richard Bell (Marconi) with Peter Wilson (Western Suburbs) and Ian Stone (Sydney Croatia) listed as doubtful.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. June 1978, 15.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									25000	
Australian XI..1 v. Greece..2													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. Greece..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Laumets						GK	Nicolaos "Nikos" Christidis				
2	DF	Gary Byrne						MF	Ioannis "Giannis" Kyrastas				
	DF	Kris Kalifatidis						DF	Petros Ravousis				
	DF	David Jones				73		DF	Anthimos Kapsis				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Theodoros Pallas				
	MF	Josip "Joe" Picioane				58		MF	Christos Terzanidis				
	MF	Gary Marocchi (c)						MF	Petros Karavitis				66
	MF	John Stevenson				73*		MF	Nicolaos "Nikos" Liakos				
	FW	Mendo Ristovski						MF	Eduardos Kondogeorgakis				88
	FW	Gary Cole	62					FW	Dimitrios Gesios				66*
	FW	John Nyskohus						FW	Christos Yfantidis	63, 77			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Steve Kokoska				73		DF	Christos Ziakos				66
		John Davies				58		MF	Charalampos "Babis" Xanthopoulos				88
		George Christopoulos				73*		FW	Ilias Alexiadis				66*
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Alketas Panagoulis				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Peter Rampley					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 3, Number 20, 14/6/1978, page 11

The spirited performance by an experimental Australian XI in the opening game of the three-match series against the touring Greek national team has given hope for the dawning of an era of Australian soccer.

Gone from Socceroo line-ups are trojans of past days Peter Wilson, Jimmy Rooney, Ray Richards and Atti Abonyi, replaced by the likes of Peter Laumets, Joe Picioane, Chris Kalafatidis and John Stevenson.

The latter mentioned quartet played their first games in Socceroo colours, along with Gary Cole, John Davies, George Christopolous and Steve Kokosak, and although none could yet be called a permanent fixture in the Australian side, the promise is therefore the Socceroo's assault on the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

The undoubted stars of the Australian XI were goalkeeper Peter Laumets and forward John Nyskohus. Both went out onto the field with something to prove. Nyskohus answered critics who had called for him to be axed from the national team after his dismal displays in the 1977 World Cup campaign. Laumets, who started this season badly, showed his true ability, which had been partially hidden since his early days with Altona City as a teenager.

The overall performance of the Soccerooos was extremely creditable. Most of the players hadn't played with each other before, and preparation for the game was minimal. On top of that, the young Soccerooos had to contend with the large pro-Greek crowd.

The Greek team, which is also based on youth, played attacking, skilful soccer, with speed of attacking being the factor which worried Australia most.

From an entertainment point of view no soccer fan would have left the ground disappointed. There was plenty of goalmouth drama, skill and excitement.

The turning point of the game came in the 73rd minute when Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder substituted David Jones and Stevenson, replacing them with Kokoska and Christopolous.

The changes upset the rhythm of the Soccerooos, and allowed Greece, which was already threatening to take over the game, to run over the Aussies.

However, Kokoska and Christopolous are not at fault, and neither is Shoulder. He wanted to give all his players a run, and it was unfortunate that the game was just hotting up as the two subs came on, giving them very little chance to get into the game.

Speed was the essential difference between the sides. Many times the Soccerooos strung together passes in midfield but the final thrust was too slow. As a result, big central striker Cole, whose strength is his strong running, was never given the through balls on which he thrives.

Once in the first half he was given a ball to chase by Nyskohus, and he easily escaped the close-marking Anthimos Kapsis and would have scored had he not pushed the ball too far in front of him as he approached keeper Nicolas Christidis, who gathered the ball at Coles's feet.

On the other hand, the Greek's attacks were sharp and direct. Unlike the Soccerooos, who would look for a man square or one in space when they had the ball, the Greek players would run at the Soccerooos while in possession in midfield.

Twice in the first half Greek centre backs Kapsis and Petros Ravousis gathered the ball near the half line and dashed downfield to fire shots at goal. This is an example of the Greeks' willingness to attack from any position.

Rigani-Eduard Kondogeorgakis and Christos Ifandidis had tremendous acceleration, and Jim Tansey at left back was beaten nearly every time one of the nippy duo took him on.

If the ball was slipped to one of them on the flanks they wasted no time in getting in a cross, or taking on their nearest opponent. Australia's Mendo Ristovski, who, on his day, would be as lethal as the Greek pair, wasn't as effective.

The Soccerooos lack of speed in build-ups and counter attacks gave the Greeks a lot of time to organise in defence. Australia's back four, which contained makeshift full back Gary Byrne, could have been tighter, but no doubt this will come after the players became accustomed to each other's style and build up an understanding.

However, any deficiencies in the Socceroo defenders were covered superbly by Laumets. Having perhaps his finest ever game, the Makedonia star was under pressure from the word go, but handled all situations with confidence.

Laumets' best save of the game came in the 16th minute after Ravousis had come forward. The defender's shot was hard and low, and bounced about a foot in front of Laumets - the type of shot keepers dread.

However, Laumets held the ball on his chest after diving to his left.

Another save, a spectacular flick over the bar from an Ifandidis shot, impressed the crowd most. Dimitrios Gesios had received a pass on the edge of the 18 yard box, and turned it towards Ifandidis, who was on the corner of the penalty area. He rocketed a right foot shot at goal, but Laumets flung out a hand in an upward jump to send the ball away for a corner.

Nyskohus turned on a performance that was stunning after some of his efforts in previous appearances for Australia. He was doing the deft flick-ons to team mates, moving into position well and distributing the ball intelligently. He challenged for more high balls in the Greece penalty area than Cole, who is about a foot taller and two stone heavier!

He nearly put the Socceroos into the lead in the first half when he stabbed a near-post ball from Stevenson onto the bar. Overall, Nyskohus was creative and unpredictable.

Picioane and Stevenson were also good players for the Socceroos. Picioane did some incredible things with the ball. Early in the game he started a move deep in his own half, then ended up playing the final pass, which was a beauty and split the Greek defence. Nyskohus ran on to it, but the move was robbed of a just finish when Kapsis hacked down the little Adelaide Juventus forward.

Stevenson showed great vision, picking up runs by team mates early and giving good accurate passes. Once he received a cross-field pass from Nyskohus, then hit the ball almost without looking, to Byrne, who had moved up behind Stevenson on the overlap.

Both Stevenson and Picioane overshadowed the more experienced Gary Marocchi who covered well but never looked dangerous.

The last-minute inclusion of George Christopolous surprised the crowd. However, Shoulder had had it in his mind for some time to use the teenage midfielder. Christopolous will benefit from the experience gained, but didn't do anything inspiring during his time on the field.

Apart from the brilliant Ifandidis, Kapsis, Theo Pallas, Gesios and Kondogeorgakis were the best of the Greeks. Kapsis is a powerful central defender, and Pallas was the fastest and most skilful full back on the park.

As mentioned, the turning point came in the 73rd minute. The score was 1-1 at the time, but the Greeks, after equalising through Ifandidis, started to get on top.

A breakaway move involving Davies and Stevenson presented Cole with an opening, and after being in no man's land for most of the game, the big Alexander striker flashed in and shot past Christidis. Davies had picked up the ball in his own 18 yard box, then put a long ball to Stevenson, who set up Cole. It was one of the rare occasions that the Greeks were exposed at the back.

Ifandidis broke on the right and beautifully lobbed the ball over the advancing Laumets for the equaliser, then hit the post with a shot after outrunning Tansey soon after.

The Greeks ran riot in the last 15 minutes, with players storming at the Australian goal, leaving the Socceroos in a mess. Ifandidis brought sheer happiness to the many Greeks present when he shot home the winner via the post in the 77th minute. Nicolaos Liakos had got around Chris Kalafatidis, then centred the ball to the lively winger, who made no mistake.

Both coaches were happy with their team's performances, but Shoulder said he expected an Australian win in Adelaide when the Socceroos will include more experienced players, who have played together before.

"The lads pulled together extremely well," said Shoulder, "considering that some of them had never seen each other before."

GREECE 2 (Ifandidis 2, 63rd, 77th mins) AUSTRALIAN XI 1 (Cole, 62nd min) at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Crowd: 25,000.

AUSTRALIAN XI: Laumets, Byrne, Kalafatidis, Jones (Kokoska, 73rd min), Tansy, Picioane (Davies, 58th min), Marocchi, Stevenson (Christopoulos, 73rd min), Ristovski, Cole, Nyskohus.

GREECE: Christidis, Kyrastas, Ravousis, Kapsis, Pallas, Terzanidis, Karavitis (Ziakos, 66th min), Liakos, Kondogeorgakis (Xanthopolous, 88th min), Gesios (Alexiadis, 66th min), Ifandidis.

Referee: Peter Rampley (Sydney).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. June 1978,			Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia									9502	
Australia..0 v. Greece..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Greece..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher		30				GK	Nicolaos "Nikos" Christidis				
	DF	Gary Byrne						MF	Ioannis "Giannis" Kyrastas				
	DF	David Jones						DF	Petros Ravousis		X		
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Anthimos Kapsis				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Theodoros Pallas				
	MF	Peter Stone						MF	Christos Terzanidis				
	MF	Gary Marocchi (c)						MF	Eduardos Kondogeorgakis				84
	MF	Murray Barnes		X		85		MF	Charalampos "Babis" Xanthopoulos		X		
	FW	Peter Sharne						FW	Christos Yfantidis	71			
	FW	Alexander "John" Kosmina		X				FW	Dimitrios Gesios				
	FW	John Nyskohus						MF	Nicolaos "Nikos" Liakos				68
SUBSTITUTES													
		Philip "Phil" O'Connor				85		DF	Christos Ziakos				84
								MF	Petros Karavitis				68
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Alketas Panagoulas				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Don Campbell											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Australia's so-called "best team available" looked hardly that in the international against Greece in Adelaide last Wednesday night.

Distinct deficiencies in midfield and, to a lesser extent in attack, were the prime reasons for Australia's capitulation.

The Greeks themselves are experimenting with new players and the present squad which had beaten the Socceroos for the second time is only mediocre by European standards.

Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder played Gary Marocchi, Peter Stone and Murray Barnes in midfield, an exercise which backfired in glaring fashion during the first half.

None had the flair, creativity or destructive qualities of Greece's Christos Terzanidis.

Terzanidis tore the Australian midfielders apart in a lively first half that belonged to the Greeks.

He opened many avenues toward goal for quicksilver strikers Christos Ifandidis and Dimitrios Gesios.

Ifandidis in particular often left the Australian defenders flat-footed with his tremendous acceleration and skills in front of goal.

But the tremendous pressure the Socceroo defence had to absorb would have been greatly alleviated had the midfielders stuck to their task and marked players.

In fact, Australia's best players were in defence where Jim Tansey, Alan Maher, David Jones and Gary Byrne tried desperately to contain the Greek onslaught.

It was Maher's best international by far. He saved superbly on two occasions early in the first half and had no choice but to foul Ifandidis and receive a yellow card in the 30th minute when the Greek striker flashed toward an open goal.

In attack, the Socceroos had an unpleasant taste of aggressive tackling and tight marking.

John Kosmina always had two defenders snapping at his heels. Johnny Nyskohus found he couldn't rely on speed alone to get past giant defenders and Peter Sharne was hardly seen running onto the ball.

Again, blame here should fall on the midfielders who showed little imagination in their build-ups.

It was hardly a high class spectacle for the 10,000 fans who braved the cold.

The game was marred by vicious tackles, the Greeks being the chief culprits.

Their defensive tactics were obvious. Any striker moving within shooting distance of the goal was brutally cut down.

In the end, referee Don Campbell had five players - Australians Allan Maher, John Kosmina and Murray Barnes and Greeks Charalambos Xanthopolous and Petros Ravousis - booked.

Had Campbell been more authoritative early, there would not have been as much spite between players.

He allowed too many fouls to go by without threatening to dig into his pocket and show the cards.

Instead, Campbell tried diplomacy and the Greeks took advantage of it.

Greece opened stylishly and had the ball in the back of the net within two minutes but Campbell ruled that Gesios had fouled a defender as he rose for a header.

Maher saved Australia in the sixth minute when Xanthopolous drove fiercely and again, a minute later when he tipped a dipping ball from Rigani-Eduard Kondogeorgakis over the bar.

One of Australia's more positive moves came in the 13th minute when Stone cleverly beat three players and played the ball to Nyskohus who in turn flicked to Barnes to find Kosmina but the ball was forced out for a corner, one of four Australia had for the match, compared with 14 by the Greeks.

But Greece always looked damaging when they moved forward and it was evident Gesios and Ifandidis have already established a creative rapport.

In the 20th minute, Ifandidis flashed across the area and whipped a cross to Gesios but the header whistled centimetres past the upright.

Australia's defence was often prone to lapses in concentration.

On one occasion, tall stopper Anthimos Kapsis was allowed to stride through midfield and try a shot at Maher without anybody moving to him.

Australia's best chance of the game came a minute from half time in a scintillating move involving Marocchi, Stone and Barnes. Stone crossed high from the right and Barnes rose to head the ball at the goal with Greek 'keeper Nicolaos Christidis well beaten. But it was with agonising frustration that Barnes watched Kapsis desperately clear the ball off the line.

The Socceroos managed to play with more method in the second half but it wasn't enough to unsettle the cocky Greeks. Tansey asserted more authority from defence but his moves came to nothing as Greece's defenders persisted with blatant fouls within 18 metres of the goal. In all honesty, the Socceroos never looked like getting past the Greek defence, let alone beating Christidis who hardly had anything to do for most of the game. The highlight came in the 71st minute with a thunderous goal from Infandidis just inside the area after substitute Petros Karavitis had rocked the upright with a blistering thunderbolt. It was only fitting that the diminutive striker should top a classy effort with a spectacular scoring shot.

GREECE 1 (Infandidis), AUSTRALIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 9,502

GREECE - Chistidis; Kyrastas, Ravousis, Kapsis, Pallas; Terzanidis, Kondogeorgakis (Ziakos 84 mins), Xanthopolous; Infandidis, Gesios, Liakos (Ziakos 68 min).

AUSTRALIA - Maher; Byrne, Jones, Bennett, Tansey; Stone, Marocchi, Barnes (O'Connor 85 min); Sharne, Kosmina, Nyskohous.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. June 1978, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									15230	
Australian XI..1 v. Greece..1													
half time, Australian XI.0 v. Greece..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Todd Clarke				66		GK	Nicolaos "Nikos" Christidis				
	DF	Savro I ozelli						MF	Ioannis "Giannis" Kyrastas				
	DF	Steve Perry						DF	Petros Ravousis				
	DF	Colin "Col" Bennett						DF	Anthimos Kapsis				
	DF	George Harris						DF	Theodoros Pallas				
	MF	Murray Barnes (c)	77(pk)					MF	Eduardos Kondogeorgakis				
	MF	John Davies				66*		MF	Christos Terzanidis				
	MF	John O'Shea						MF	Charalampos "Babis" Xanthopoulos				
	FW	Peter Stone						MF	Petros Karavitis	12			73
	FW	Sebastian Giampaolo				60		FW	Christos Yfantidis				
	FW	Joe Senkalski						MF	Nicolaos "Nikos" Liakos				46
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gary Meier				66		DF	Christos Ziakos				46
		John Karaspyros				66*		FW	Ilias Alexiadis				73
		Philip "Phil" O'Connor				60							
Team Coach		Jim Shoulder					Team Coach		Alketas Panagoulas				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		David Yelland					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Greek coach Alketas Panagoulas said after the game it had been the worst display by his team since arriving in Australia.

He said his players were probably tired after playing three games in eight days.

"However, I believe we have at least a 50-50 chance in our European National Cup match against the USSR in Moscow on September 20," Panagoulas said.

The Australian tour must have pleased Panagoulas, as it confirmed his faith in at least two of the younger players - centre back Kapsis and forward Ifandidis, although the latter did not sparkle in Sydney the way he had in Melbourne and Adelaide.

Left back Pallas was the most consistent of the Greek players on tour, and midfielder Kondogeorgakis has also shown some admirable qualities.

Panagoulas would not comment on the penalty decision which gave Australia its equalising goal in the 77th minute, other than to say he did not agree with the decision.

"However, I must instruct my players not to argue with the referee in future," he said, referring to their remonstrations with referee David Yelland.

Australian coach Jim Shoulder, in command for the last time before he returns to England on Monday, said: "The boys were patient and showed they can knock it about."

"For once in the series, we had Greece playing impatient football."

Shoulder said he was particularly pleased with the performances of midfielders Peter Stone and John O'Shea and with George Harris and John Davies who had been called into the squad after playing league games the day before, to replace Paul Degney and Peter Sharne.

Another success in the team was sweeper Steve Perry of Brisbane City.

The game was short of scoring chances, Greece having only three or four and Australia perhaps two apart from the penalty.

Before leaving, Shoulder called on all levels of Australian soccer administration to formulate a hard and fast build-up program for the next World Cup and stick to it rigidly.

He cited the example set by West Germany, which will draw up a new program immediately after the World Cup.

The series against Greece has thrown up a number of new players who look capable of developing into useful Socceroos for the 1981 qualifying games.

They are: midfielders Joe Picioane (J.U.S.T.), John Stevenson (Hakoah) and John Davies (Canberra); defenders Chris Kalafatidis (Sth. Melb. Hellas), Steve Perry (Brisbane City) and John O'Shea (Alexander) and Phil O'Connor (St.George).

Right back Kevin Mullen of Hakoah, forward Peter Sharne of Marconi and left back Paul Degney of Marconi must also come into calculations, while John Nyskohus of Adelaide Juventus looks good now, and Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T. must also stand a chance.

It will be up to Australia's new coach - be he Rudi Gutendorf of Germany or one of the others on the short list - to sort them out into a solid team.

O'Connor made a big difference to the Australian team when he came on as substitute for Sebastian Giampaolo half an hour from the end.

O'Connor had the skill and speed to beat Greek defenders man-to-man, which enabled Australia to build up the required numbers in attack.

Greece had the better of the first half, during which Australia showed little fight, but in the last 15 minutes, Australia played well enough to perhaps have won the game.

Petros Karavitis scored the goal that put Greece ahead. He dispossessed Peter Stone, sped towards goal and placed the ball neatly past Allan Maher.

Referee Yelland awarded Australia a penalty after Joe Senkalski had been fouled in the area, and Murray Barnes coolly slotted the ball home.

Barnes had another scoring chance with a header, but for the rest of the time, the Greek defence stood firm.

AUSTRALIAN XI 1 (Barnes penalty 77th min.) GREECE 1 (Karavitis 12th.) at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd about 15000.

AUSTRALIAN XI: Clarke (Meier 66th); Iozzelli, Perry, Bennett, Harris, Barnes, Davies (Karaspyros 66th), , J.O'Shea, Stone, Giampaolo (O'Connor 60th), Senkalski.

GREECE: Christidis, Kyrastas, Ravousis, Kapsis, Pallas, Kondogeorgakis, Terzanidis, Xanthopoulos, Karavitis (Alexiadis 73rd), Ifandidis, Liakos (Ziakos half time).

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Wisla Kraków was founded in 1906 by a group of students from the Second Practical School in Krakow, under the name Towarzystwo Sportowe Wisla. In the autumn of 1927, Wisla became champions of the Ekstraklasa (the top Polish professional league). They also won the league in 1928, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1977-78. In 1949, the club was renamed to Gwardia-Wisla Kraków but in 1955 the club returned to its original name of TS Wisla. In 1967 the club was once again renamed to GTS Wisla. Wisla were winners of the Polish Cup in 1926, and 1966-67.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
4th. February 1979, 16.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales				Fine					7271	
Australian XI..1 v. Wisła Kraków (Poland)..3													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Wisła Kraków..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Allan Maher					GK	Stanisław Gonet					
	DF	Steve Parry					DF	Marek Motyka					70
	DF	Stephen "Steve" O'Connor					DF	Henryk Maculewicz					
	DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson					MF	Zbigniew Płaszewski					
	DF	Paul Degney					DF	Krzysztof Budka					
	MF	John O'Shea					MF	Adam Nawałka					
	MF	Murray Barnes					FW	Kazimierz Kmiecik	11, 78				
	MF	Josip "Joe" Picioane				73	FW	Zdzisław Kapka					
	FW	Peter Sharne				84	MF	Leszek Lipka					
	FW	Mark Jankovics	43				DF	Piotr Skrobowski					46
	FW	Hilton Silva				61	MF	Janusz Krupiński	53				X
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ian Souness				73		DF	Kazimierz Gazda				70
		Philip "Phil" O'Connor				84		FW	Michał Wróbel				46
		Ken Boden				61		DF	Andrzej Targosz				X
Team Coach		Les Scheinflug					Team Coach		Orest Lenczyk				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Hardly getting into the second gear for most of the match, Wisla Krakow from Poland relied heavily on Australia's mistakes to win the match.

And mistakes were a plenty.

In fact if one counted the unforced errors committed by the Australian men, one might easily find that the Guinness book of records need changing to allow for a certain high double figure!

Wisla was quick to pounce on to the loose ball and make the most of Australia's mistakes.

A terrible defensive blunder in the 13th minute allowed Kazimierz Kmiecik to push one home and give the visitors the lead.

Marek Motyka crossed from the right, but his attempt to find his forwards was cut out by Tony Henderson.

Alas, our unfortunate Tony couldn't manage to trap the ball, and it skidded under his foot to the completely unmarked Kmiecik, only five metres from the line, and he gave Allan Maher no chance at all.

Australia could have easily gone ahead before Wisla scored with an inch of enterprise from our young forwards.

It happened after 11 minutes of the game gone with John O'Shea finding Mark Jankovics on the edge of the visitors area. Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovics and Joe Picioane faced two Polish defenders, and with Picioane on his own just behind Jankovics, our central striker, pushed the ball wide for Sharne and the chance went begging.

Sharne was well covered and his shot blocked.

Wisla was content to hold on to its slender lead and rarely looked menacing, and once more it was only due to some poor passing by Australia's players that led to frequent attacks by the visitors.

For once Wisla attacked with more than four men and almost paid a penalty. John O'Shea, certainly Australia's best on the day, picked up a loose ball some 35 metres from Australia's goal line then sent a perfectly timed pass to Sharne, who showed a clean pair of heels to his marker but failed to convert the simplest of chances when faced by the Wisla goalkeeper.

His shot was hard enough, but straight at the advancing Gonet Stanislaw.

In the 43rd minute Picioane, after a very quiet spell, burst through the middle, then with the outside of his right foot sent a perfect through ball to Sharne, who managed to beat the full back for speed. He sent a low cross into the Wisla goalmouth for Jankovics to glide home an unstoppable shot from close range.

It was the best goal of the game and one of the only good moves by the Australians.

The visitors started strongly in the second half with Henryk Maculewicz giving Paul Degney a lot of trouble.

Only two minutes after the restart, Maculewicz was quick to spot the second half replacement Wrobel, who in turn squared the ball across the goalmouth, but his low cross just managed to beat a slide by Adam Nawalka.

Nawalka was completely unmarked and Maher was exposed, but luckily for Australia, the Polish forward was short by an inch.

In the 55th minute a mistake by Hilton Silva and some poor tackling by Degney led to visitors second goal.

Silva failed to come and meet the ball passed to him by one of the midfielders, giving Motyka an easy intercept. Motyka raced down the line and with Degney not making an effort to stop him, it was easy for the Polish full-back to pick his spot and cross for Janusz Krupinski to slam the ball past helpless Maher.

There was no one around Kurpinski for metres and he could have just as well stopped the ball and asked Maher, which corner would he prefer it in.

To make matters worse Ken Boden, the 62nd minute replacement of listless Silva sealed the match for the visitors by giving them the easiest of goals in the 79th minute. Forty metres away from Maher and under no pressure at all, Boden decided to return the ball to his keeper. His back pass was short and Krniecik raced in to intercept and beat a desperate dive by Maher for Wisla's third goal.

Sharne had its second chance of the game two minutes later after some good work by Steve Perry and Jankovics.

Perry raced across the centre line and with Wisla's men content to cover rather than go for the ball, Perry was able to come almost to the edge of the area then centre for Jankovics to flick the ball to the far post to the to the completely unmarked Sharne.

Unfortunately, Sharne closed his eyes, and hoping for the best, skied the ball well over the bar from seven metres out.

Wisla almost got its fourth goal and this one would have been credited exclusively to Wisla players.

Fortunately for us, the ball didn't finish in the net despite the chance that Wisla players rarely waste. Zdzislaw Kapka, Nawalka and Krniecik combined for some thirty metres, and the final one-two move between

Kapka and Krniecik led to a great chance for the scorer of two Wisla goals.

However his shot from some 14 metres finished just outside the post.

In the closing minutes Wisla carefully hung on to the ball preserving its two goal lead, and despite the protests by the crowd showed some superb skills in keeping possession.

After the game a disappointed Les Scheinflug was very bitter about the mistakes we made: "I don't mind the errors during the game, but to commit so many unforced errors in one 90 minute game is beyond my comprehension. Wisla is a professional outfit and a very quick counter attacking side; the style Europe depends on these days. To go and chase the ball against Wisla is to commit suicide, but we certainly would have done better if we made use of the ball when we had it at our feet."

The goalkeeper of Wisla had a different view of the game: "We are a team of 11 players that have played together for so long, and despite the lack of practice, because of the break in our championship, we were able to get on top simply because of that fact. Your players assembled only days before the game and in such a short time you do not create a team."

Gonet was quite happy to give me a few more hints on the success story of Polish soccer as well as the numbers of Australia's men who played well:

"Number 9, 7, 6 and the goalkeeper were very good, particularly number 9," said Gonet.

The success of Poland?

"In Poland, it is important that at National level we create a good team, unlike England, where club soccer is of the highest standard, yet its National team is not rated highly. Polish clubs are always secondary when the selection of the national team is carried out. Our national team training is carried out for long periods to insure success," concluded the Polish goalkeeper.

To say that some of our players failed to impress is to put it mildly as some of them, either overawed by the occasion or simply outclassed, failed to produce the sort of play we are accustomed to seeing from them.

WISLA KRAKOW v AUSTRALIA 3-1, 1-1

Ground: Sydney Sports Ground

Weather: Fine

Crowd: 7271

Goals: Krniecik (13'), Jankovics (43'), Krupinski (55'), Krniecik (79')

Referee: Tony Boskovic

Corner kicks: Wisla 6, Australia 5.

Free kicks: Wisla 8, Australia 3.

WISLA: Stanislaw, Motyka (Gazda 70'), Maculewicz, Plaszewski, Budka, Lipka, Skrobowski (Wrobel 45'), Kapka, Nawalka, Krniecik, Krupinski (Targosz 63').

AUSTRALIA: Maher, Perry, Degney, S.O'Connor, Henderson, J.O'Shea, Sharne (P.O'Connor 85'), Barnes, Jankovics, Picioane (Souness 75'), Silva (Boden 62').

Wisla Krakow also had the following challenge matches.

8th.February 1979 Queensland..1 v. Wisla Krakow..2 at Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland

10th.February 1979 Victoria..0 v. Wisla Krakow..1 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..5,000

13th.February 1979 South Australia..1 v. Wisla Krakow..1 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..6768

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
2nd. May 1979,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									1800	
Australia 'A'..1 v. Australia 'B'..1													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Greg Woodhouse					GK	Martyn Crook					
	DF	Jim Kondarios					DF	John Coyne					
	DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson					DF	Ian Rowden					
	DF	William "Bill" Summerscales					DF	Stephen "Steve" O'Connor					
	DF	Bob McPherson					DF	Peter Brogani					
	MF	Peter Raskopoulos					MF	Gary Byrne					
	MF	Ken Boden	X				MF	John Stevenson					
	MF	Andu Bozikas					MF	Bertie Mariani					
	FW	Joseph "Joe" Watson					FW	Joe Palinkas					
	FW	Gary Cole					FW	Tony Brennan					
	FW	Philip "Phil" O'Connor					FW	Peter Tredinnick					
SUBSTITUTES													
								Craig Hall		62			X
Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 15, 9/5/1979, page 3

An Australian A team drew with an Australian B team 1-1 in a curtain-raiser to the Yugoslav charity match.

(The charity match was to raise money for Yugoslav earthquake victims and the result was Australian-Yugoslav Select XI..4 v. Australia U-19 / Senior Combination..2)

Gutendorf's assistant, Leo Baumgartner, said the best Socceroo players over the two matches were Tony Henderson, Ken Boden, Gary Cole, John Coyne, Tony Brennan, Joe Watson, Greg Woodhouse, John Yzendoorn, Eddie Krncevic, Stuart Baxter and Peter Sharne.

However, the Australians were not seen at their best because of the hard training they had been doing.

Goals in the 1-1 draw were scored by Joe Palinkas (Footscray) and Craig Hall (Sutherland) who came on as a substitute.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
9th. May 1979,			International Sports Centre, Newcastle, New South Wales									6112	
Newcastle KB United..0 v. Australia..0													
half time, Newcastle KB United..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim Preston						GK	Greg Woodhouse				46
	DF	Arne Bertonga						DF	Paul Degney				
	DF	William "Bill" Summerscales						DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				
	DF	Colin "Col" Curran						DF	Stuart Baxter				
		Roy Drinkwater						DF	Ian Souness				
		Malcolm McClelland						MF	Peter Stone				
								MF	Peter Tredinnick				X
								MF	Ken Boden				
		Kenny Boden						FW	Peter Sharne				
								FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				X*
								FW	Philip "Phil" O'Connor				
SUBSTITUTES													
								GK	Martyn Crook				46
								MF	Joseph "Joe" Watson				X
								FW	Gary Cole				X*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 10/5/1979, page

Rudi Gutendorf, the national Soccer coach, said he was pleased with the Australian team's performance in its first match at Newcastle yesterday.

Newcastle United held the national side to a goalless draw and Gutendorf's only criticism was that "the Australian disease" persisted in both teams.

"Nobody knows how to score goals," he said.

Phil O'Connor, the St George winger, missed an open goal after taking a well-timed pass from Peter Sharne in the second half, and Sharne himself missed with only the goalkeeper Jim Preston to beat.

Martyn Crook of West Adelaide, who replaced Greg Woodhouse (Apia) in the Australian goal at halftime, soon had his hands full stopping shots from Col Curran and Roy Drinkwater.

Australia looked best when Tony Henderson (Marconi) began pushing forward from the backline.

Gutendorf said he was pleased that the side had worked as a unit in their first run, and said they would be much improved when they return to play Newcastle again in July.

AUSTRALIA 0 drew with Newcastle KB United 0 at the International Sports Centre. Crowd: 6112.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
15th. May 1979,			Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, Sydney, New South Wales										
Sydney Olympic..0 v. Australia 'B'..6													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
								GK	Nigel Lownds				
								DF	Daniel "Danny" Moulis				
								DF	John Yzendoorn	X			
								DF	John O'Shea				
								DF	Warren Turnbull				
								MF	Keith Schumann				
								MF	Peter Katholos				
								MF	Gary Byrne	X(pk), X, X			
	FW	Ray Botham				1		FW	Derek Laing				
								FW	James "Jamie" Paton	X			
								FW	Graham Jennings	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 16/5/1979, page

Ray Botham, the Sydney Olympic striker, fractured a leg in the first minute of a trial match against a team from the national squad at Bossley Park last night. Botham collided with goalkeeper Nigel Lownds, of Brisbane Lions.

A team bolstered by several of national coach Rudi Gutendorf's under-19 players thrashed Sydney Olympic 6-0 with a superb display of attacking football.

Gary Byrne, the Marconi midfielder, scored a hat-trick.

Other goals came from John Yzendoorn, of Heidelberg, playing sweeper, his clubmate Jamie Paton, from a penalty, and under-19 international, Graham Jennings, of Sydney Olympic.

Gutendorf said that he had seen excellent performances and less excellent performances but was satisfied with the exercise.

He will go to Adelaide to watch South Australia against English club side Norwich City before naming a final squad at the weekend.

In the second match, Marconi beat the other Australian 11 2-1.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
15th. May 1979,			Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, Sydney, New South Wales										
Marconi-Fairfield..2 v. Australia 'A'..1													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
							GK	Gary Meier					46
	DF	Paul Degeny				46	DF	Kris Kalifatidis					
							DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson					
							DF	William "Bill" Summerscales					
							DF	John Coyne	X				
							MF	Eric Carruthers					5
	FW	Bertie Mariani	X				MF	John Davies					
	FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic	X				MF	Andrew Bozikas					
							FW	Joe Palinkas					
	FW	Mark Jankovics					FW	Tony Brennan					
							FW	George Campbell					
SUBSTITUTES													
								Greg Woodhouse					46
								Peter Katholos					5, 46*
								Paul Degney					46*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 17, 23/5/1979, page 3

Socceroo candidates beat Sydney Olympic 6-0 and lost 1-2 to Marconi in the last two trial matches before Rudi Gutendorf decided on his 22-man squad for games against New Zealand and Partizan Belgrade in June.

Gutendorf had intended to name the squad last week but decided to give himself more time.

John Coyne of Brisbane City continued to be the surprise packet among the Socceroos hopefuls.

Playing as left back against Marconi in the first half and in midfield in the second half, Coyne scored his team's only goal and was judged by Gutendorf as one of the best players of the match.

Tony Henderson and Bill Summerscales, the two centre backs, were also good for the Socceroos.

Mark Jankovic was best for Marconi and will definitely be in Gutendorf's 22-man squad.

Marconi's goals were scored by Bertie Mariani and Eddie Krncevic.

In the other match of the double-header at Marconi Oval, the Socceroos beat Sydney Olympic 6-0 with three goals, including a penalty, by Gary Byrne and one each by Jamie Paton, John Yzendoom and Graham Jennings.

Gutendorf liked Jennings, Byrne and Yzendoom best.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature	Attendance		
30th. May 1979,			Perry Park, Brisbane, Queensland								2700		
Queensland XI..0 v. Australian XI..0													
half time, Queensland XI..0 v. Australian XI..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Tony Scanlan						GK	Nigel Lowndes				
	DF	Steve Perry						DF	Paul Degeny				
	DF	James "Jim" Hermiston						DF	Ivo Prskalo				
	DF	Colin Bennett						DF	Stuart Baxter				
		George Potter							Alan Niven				
	MF	Steve Dolan						DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				
		Phil Thompson						MF	Gary Byrne				70
		Larry Gaffney						FW	Peter Boyle				63
		Tony Brennan				55		FW	John Coyne				46
		Barry Kelso						FW	Mark Jankovics				
		Ronald Millman				15		FW	Duncan Cummings				
SUBSTITUTES													
	DF	William "Billy" Wilkinson				55		FW	John Coyne				70
		Bryan Kathage				15		FW	Ian Hunter				63
								MF	John O'Shea				46
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		C.Amos											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 19, 6/6/1979, page 5

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has threatened to suspend all preparatory trial games until he was guaranteed more co-operation from clubs, players and insome cases State Federation officials.

A dejected Gutendorf was speaking after the Queensland side had played a one-sided scoreless draw with the National squad at Brisbane's Perry Park.

Gutendorf was referring to the situation where five players originally chosen to come to Brisbane had withdrawn virtually at the last minute.

They were Martyn Crook and John Kosmina (West Adelaide), Jim Tansey (Heidelberg), Peter Sharne (Marconi) and Phil O'Connor (St.George).

Gutendorf said he was embarrassed by the performance produced by the National squad.

"This team was thrown together at the last minute, and Queensland, to its credit, completely outplayed us," he said.

"I will not inflict this on the public again and it is a near hopeless task trying to form a squad when several players are ineligible and others cannot play in trials because of work commitments."

Gutendorf also said he was upset that the Newcastle KB - Sydney City Philips Cup match on the same day had precluded him from using players from those clubs.

Gutendorf said he was not really surprised under the conditions that the Queensland back-line of Steve Perry, Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett and George Potter had played with such composure.

"They have played together several times now. Their understanding is first class, and because of this they were under no pressure, being in full command for most of the match.

The player nominated by Gutendorf as man of the match was Hermiston, who showed what class football is all about.

"He is just the player I am looking for, and if available would be the captain of my National team," he said.

Others nominated by Gutendorf were midfielders Larry Gaffney and Phil Thompson, the latter having now played two outstanding matches for Queensland within a week. Gutendorf made enquiries after the game to see if Thompson was eligible for national selection.

Gutendorf said the match again highlighted the "soccer sickness" in Australia.

Queensland should have won four or five nil with their dominance, but could not convert their superiority into goals.

The State side was unlucky in that Brennan, the player who could well have pounced on numerous second half openings, went off injured in the 58th minute.

His substitute was Ipswich youngster Bryan Kathage, a very inexperienced player who could not do a thing right and always ended up as the last link in some good creative football.

(Soccer Action incorrectly names Bryan Kathage as the substitute for Tony Brennan - it should be Billy Wilkinson)

The irony of the game was that two outstanding chances Brennan had in the first half were brilliantly saved by Queensland's Nigel Lownds, who was playing for the national squad.

Very few national squad players did anything worthwhile, although Tony Henderson made some penetrating midfield runs in the second half, when he didn't have to worry about policing Brennan.

Essendon's Tommy Cumming was apparently told to hug the touchline and consequently saw little of the ball, and the other front runner, Mark Jankovics, was always well contained by Hermiston and Potter, who on the night had outstanding matches.

Queensland almost scored in the 15th minute when Potter overlapped Kathage (who had replaced speedster Millman earlier) nodded down and a blistering shot was deflected by Lownds.

Only minutes later Steve Dolan split the Australian defence and served Brennan, whose shot was cleared, only for Perry to thump it back into the middle. Kelso forged past a couple of tackles and found Potter, whose powerful shot again was well saved by Lownds.

Queensland continued to find openings. Dolan shot just wide, Hermiston ever sweeping forward, shot over the top and Kelso laid on a great pass for Perry, before he was halted by a last-ditch Niven tackle.

Baxter and Prskalo worked overtime repelling Queensland's non-stop raids, and in the first half the national side had only two reasonable worthwhile chances.

Niven fed Boyle from the left and Hermiston headed the cross out for a corner and Jankovics sneaked in onto a Henderson cross but headed over the bar.

Apart from those runs from Henderson, the second half again was mostly one-way traffic. One occasion, Kathage intercepted and raced clear, slipped the ball forward to the edge of the box, but Kelso and Brennan, in their haste to pounce, finished up colliding with one another.

John Coyne had two spells in different shirts and young Socceroo Ian Hunter was brought in as a substitute.

QUEENSLAND 0 AUSTRALIAN XI 0 at Perry Park, Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND - Scanlan, Perry, Hermiston, Bennett, Potter, Dolan, Thompson, Gaffney, Brennan (Wilkinson 58th), Kelso, Millan (Kathage 14th).

AUSTRALIA - Lownds, Degney, Baxter, Prskalo, Niven, Henderson, Byrne (Coyne 70th), Boyle (Hunter 63rd), Coyne (J.O'Shea 46th), Jankovics, Cumming.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. June 1979,			Newmarket Park, Auckland, New Zealand				Rain					4000	
New Zealand..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, New Zealand..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Richard Wilson						GK	Greg Woodhouse				
	DF	Anthony "Tony" Sibley (c)						DF	Colin "Col" Curran				
	DF	Samuel "Sam" Malcolmson						DF	Peter Wilson (c)				
	DF	Robert "Bobby" Almond						DF	Stephen "Steve" O'Connor				
	DF	Adrian Elrick						DF	Paul Degeny				65
	MF	Duncan Cole						MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				
7	MF	Steven "Steve" Sumner						MF	Gary Byrne				
	MF	Brian Turner						MF	Mark Jankovics				46
	FW	Duncan Ormond	58			80	9	FW	Peter Sharne				60
	FW	Keith Nelson						FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				
	FW	John Verweij						FW	Joseph "Joe" Watson				
SUBSTITUTES													
	FW	Alfred "Alf" Stamp				80		MF	John O'Shea				65
									Alexander "John" Kosmina				46
									Agenor Muniz				60
Team Coach		John Adshead					Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Tom de la Hunty											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 21, 20/6/1979, page 7 by Tom Anderson

Australia's 0-1 defeat by New Zealand at Newmarket Park, Auckland, last Wednesday night, may have been a blow to the pride of Australian soccer but it was by no means a setback on the road to the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

In fact this first win by the Kiwis over the Socceroos for 25 years could well be a blessing in disguise.

For it showed national coach Rudi Gutendorf the weaknesses in his squad and just where he has to start filling the gaps in his line-up.

After NSW's magnificent 4-1 win over Norwich City everything on the national team front looked rosy and many people were led into the false hope that after only one outing coach Gutendorf had found the perfect combination for his national squad.

Not even Marvo the Magician could have achieved such a feat so quickly!

And the New Zealanders proved that these Socceroos are by no means the desired combination - yet!

In fact the Australian soccer public should be prepared for some more defeats before Gutendorf comes up with the answer.

For at this stage it is very much a case of trial by error.

Last Wednesday's game in Auckland should never have taken place for the simple reason that the ground was in a terrible condition and by most standards unplayable.

Gutendorf wanted the game postponed for 24 hours but the New Zealand heirarchy would not hear of it.

So it went ahead. The Kiwis handled the situation much better than the Australians and this was a deciding factor in the result.

However, this is not an excuse for Australia's loss, as any team at international level should be able to handle any conditions that may present themselves.

Australia had seven relatively inexperienced players in its team, with an average age of 22.

New Zealand - heralded in the land of the long white cloud as "Dads Army" had 10 imports in its line-up, with an average age of 30.

So the real difference between the two teams is that the young Australians are on the way up, and capable of improving around 40 per cent by the time the World Cup preliminary games come along in 1981.

New Zealand on the other hand, cannot play better than it did last Wednesday and by the time 1981 preliminaries come along, many of these players will be spending their time in the old age pension queues!

The feature in the Australian team that stood out like a sore thumb was the lack of a midfield general.

There was just no-one in a green and gold jersey with the stamp of Jimmy Rooney, to control the proceedings.

Destructively, Gary Byrne and Tony Henderson had fine games and look good, but they just did not have the time nor I think the guile, to take control and set up moves.

The other midfielder, Mark Jankovics, was quick on the break and indeed got himself into some fine scoring positions, but he cannot be described as a playmaker either.

Jankovics was replaced by Agenor Muniz in the second half and this did in fact help matters, as Muniz functioned quite well as a playmaker.

In goal young Greg Woodhouse did not make a mistake. He is Australia's goalkeeper for the years to come.

Peter Wilson and Steve O'Connor also had solid games and Wilson played as well as ever he has done in the past.

At full back Col Curran and Paul Degeny did not have good nights. They did not look like the attacking players they are in the PSL.

However it must be said that the Newmarket ground does not suit overlapping defenders as it is narrow and has little space on the flanks.

It was a night when the New Zealand defence dominated. It gave little away.

However, there were two magnificent scoring chances in the first half. Both fell to Mark Jankovics.

But it was one of those nights for the Marconi striker and he missed them both. They proved costly misses.

Jankovics needs a great deal of individual coaching to teach him to steady himself in front of goal and to slot away opportunities when they present themselves.

Jow Watson had a fine game and when he was given the service, he showed he has the skill and ability to shine at this level.

Big Eddie Krncevic was once again a tireless worker and this player is going to be a key man in the 1981 World Cup preliminaries.

The mercurial Peter Sharne did not have the chance to shine and a heavy tackle early in the game slowed him down.

John Kosmina played in the second half, but must have another run before judgement can be made about him.

New Zealand's winning goal came in the 58th minute when diminutive winger Duncan Ormond blasted the ball home following a mix-up in the Australian defence.

New Zealand may have won the first battle in the campaign that will end in Spain in 1982, but the war is far from over and the Australian blitzkrieg has not even started yet!

NEW ZEALAND 1 (Ormond 58th) AUSTRALIA 0 at Newmarket Park, Auckland last Wednesday. Crowd about 4000.

AUSTRALIA - Woodhouse; Curran, Wilson, O'Connor, Degney (sub. J.O'Shea 65th min); Henderson, Byrne, Jankovics (sub. Kosmina 45th min); Sharne (sub. Muniz 60th), Krncevic, Watson.

NEW ZEALAND - Wilson; Sibley, Malcolmson, Almond, Eirick; Cole, Summer, Turner; Ormond (sub. Stamps 80th min), Neilson, Verweij.

Referee - Tom de la Huntly

The return match (to be played in Sydney) was scheduled for July, then postponed to August, but never took place at Gutendorf's request.

Fudbalski klub Patizan is a professional football club based in Belgrade.

Partizan was founded on 4th October 1945 by young high officers of the Yugoslav People's Army and was named in honour of the Partisans, the communist military formation who fought against fascism during World War II in Yugoslavia.

At the end of World War II there was no organised football competition, so Partizan played only friendly games and tournaments both home and abroad.

The club's first international engagement was a match against another army side, CSKA Moscow from the Soviet Union on 6th December 1945 in Belgrade.

In the early 1950's, Partizan was separated from the Yugoslav Army and for the first time the team's name was written in the Cyrillic and Latin alphabets. The inscription of the Yugoslav Army was removed from the club crest, along with the green wreath, and was replaced by the words Sportsko Društvo (Sports association) and this emblem was used between 1955 and 1958.

From 1955 the club crest was changed to be completely black and white, and Sportsko Društvo was amended into Jugoslovensko Sportsko Društvo.

Partizan won the Yugoslav First Federal Football League in 1946-47, 1948-49, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63, 1975-76 and 1977-78.

They won the Marshal Tito Cup (Yugoslav Cup) in 1946-47, 1951-52, 1953-54 and 1956-57.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. June 1979,			International Sports Centre, Newcastle, New South Wales									5067	
Australian XI..1 v. FK Partizan Beograd (Yugoslavia)..1													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. FK Partizan Beograd..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Greg Woodhouse						GK	Rade Zalad				
	DF	Peter Wilson (c)						DF	Miodrag Radović				46
		Stuart Baxter						DF	Borislav Đurović				
		Jim Tansey						MF	Aleksandar Trifunović	16			
		Ken Boden						DF	Nenad Stojković (c)				46*
		Steve Perry						DF	Vladimir Lazičić				
	MF	Arno Bertogna				57		DF	Nikica Klinčarski				
		Tommy Cumming						MF	Slobodan Pavković				
		Agenor Muniz				66		FW	Slobodan Santrač				66
		Murray Barnes				55		FW	Boško Đorđević				
		Gary Cole	44(pk)					MF	Dževad Prekazi				
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Yzendoorn				57		FW	Zvonko Varga				46
		Paul Tredinnick				66		DF	Tomislav Kovačević				46*
		John Davies				55		MF	Arandel Todorović				66
Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf					Team Coach		Milutin Soskic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Jim Reeves											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Dževad Prekazi is also shown as Xhevat Prekazi. Boško Đurović is also shown as Bosko Djordjevic.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 23, 4/7/1979, page 6 by Joe Lanzoni

Parizan Belgrade came to Newcastle last Friday and in a game of sensations, played a 1-1 draw with Rudi Gutendorf's "second string" squad.

Right from the start the tourists showed that they did not relish the aggressive attitude of the young Australian brigade.

I must clarify that the aggression displayed by the Australian team was based mainly on moving forward and attacking the ball rather than physical aggression in the real sense of the word.

It was evident that referee Jim Reeves, handling his first international game, was going to have his hands full to control the niggling that was going on.

Reeves handled the difficult game well but one must be critical of some of the latitude given to the visitors in the first half.

Twice deliberate professional fouls were committed and were punished only by free kicks.

Tom Cumming was put into space by Ken Boden and rounded Trifunovic only to be brought down.

Later Boden beat Djurovic and Stojkovic only to be deliberately hacked by sweeper Lazicic.

Both offences would have brought yellow cards in P.S.L. football. In fact I have seen red cards handed out for less than that.

I really cannot see the value of having double standards. These players are professionals and if you give them one inch they will take a mile.

I might add that Reeves is not the only referee I have seen falling for that.

More illustrious whistle blowers have done the same.

However in the 41st minute Reeves decided enough was enough and from a free kick taken by Agenor Muniz, left wing Cumming was shoved from the wall and a penalty was awarded.

That caused the first sensation. Immediately captain and 1978 Yugoslav player of the year Nenad Stojkovic took his team off the field, an action that did not endear him to the local crowd.

Three minutes went by before order was restored and Gary Cole easily beat giant goalkeeper Rade Zalad from the spot to put Australia back on level terms.

Earlier in the first half the visitors had gone one up.

Striker Prezaki found attacking full back Aca Trifunovic in the centre with a high ball, skipper Peter Wilson went up with Trifunovic, who just beat Wilson to the ball.

Greg Woodhouse had inexplicably left his goal and the ball rolled gently into an empty net.

A minute after Cole had put Australia back on level terms Stojkovic, and the ever present Cumming, clashed in a tackle.

The sight of Stojkovic holding his ankle on the ground was enough for Miodrag Radovic to punch pint-sized Cumming to the ground. The injured Stojkovic managed to jump to his feet, run 10 metres and throw himself at the now prostrate Cumming before collapsing to the ground again.

Pandemonium broke loose, with players and officials jostling one another. At that point the referee walked off and it was not clear whether the game had been abandoned or the half time whistle had gone. Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre worked overtime during the interval to ensure the second half was played, by speaking to the referee and officials of both teams.

Eventually sanity prevailed and the teams returned to the field, Australia with the same eleven, Partizan minus skipper Stojkovic replaced by Tomislav Kovacevic and volatile Radovic replaced by Zvonko Varga.

The second half was completely void of excitement, with both teams content to play out time.

Of the Australians, Cumming had a great game, showing plenty of courage and spirit and Boden also would not have done his chances any damage.

Surprise selection Arno Bertogna also acquitted himself well in the aggressive midfielder role.

Of Partizan's players one cannot judge by that game but their lack of penetration and shot-shy attitude no doubt are some of the reasons they struggled until the last game to avoid relegation in the Yugoslav competition this year.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Cole, penalty 44th) PARTIZAN 1 (Trifunovic 16th) at International Sports Centre, Newcastle, crowd 5067.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse, Perry, Baxter, Wilson, Tansey, Bertogna (Yzendoorn 57th), Muniz (Tredinnick 66th), Barnes (Davies 55th), Boden, Cole, Cumming.

PARTIZAN: Zalad, Djurovic, Stojkovic (Kovacevic, half time), Lazicic, Trifunovic, Klincarski, Pavkovic, Prekazi, Radovic (Varga, half time), Santrac (Todorovic 66th), Djordjevic.

Referee: Jim Reeves.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
1st. July 1979, 15.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									9605	
Australian XI..0 v. FK Partizan Beograd (Yugoslavia)..1													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. FK Partizan Beograd..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Greg Woodhouse					GK	Rade Zalad					
	DF	Ian Souness					DF	Aleksandar Trifunović					
	DF	Ivo Prskalo					DF	Nenad Stojković (c)					
	DF	Stephen "Steve" O'Connor				46	DF	Vladimir Lazičić					
	DF	Paul Degney					DF	Borislav Đurović					
	MF	Gary Byrne				60	MF	Nikica Klinčarski					
	MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson					MF	Slobodan Pavković					70
	MF	John Stevenson				73	MF	Dževad Prekazi		X			46*
	FW	Mark Jankovics					FW	Miodrag Radović					
	FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				55	FW	Slobodan Santrac					
	FW	Peter Sharne					FW	Boško Đorđević					46
SUBSTITUTES													
		Joseph "Joe" Watson				46		Zvonko Varga		52			46
		John Yzendoorn				60		Tomislav Kovačević					46*
		John Davies				55		Arandel Todorović					70
		Gary Cole				73							
Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf					Team Coach		Milutin Soskic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Tim Davies											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 23, 4/7/1979, page 6 by Alex Vesic

Partizan, a very ordinary Yugoslav First Division team, never moved into the second gear in Sydney but still managed to win, thanks to a goal by replacement forward Zvonko Varga in the 52nd minute.

Almost 10,000 people turned up to see one of the worst performances by an Australian side in years. What happened to that much talked about attacking soccer?

To illustrate the misery of our attack, let me recall that the first shot at Zalad's goal by an Australian player came in the 71st minute.

Paul Degney's cross from the right floated above the head of Djurovic and to the feet of Ian Souness who fired a right-footer that almost sneaked under the body of Rade Zalad in Partizan's goal.

With three minutes to go, Gary Cole tried a shot from way out that harmlessly rolled towards the right-hand corner and Zalad made no mistake in picking it up. Only a minute later Souness latched onto a cross by

Tony Henderson to head the ball towards goal, but Zalad made a spectacular save.

Well, as far as Australia's attack was concerned you've heard it all! Two shots and a header in a game of 90 minutes, is not an effort of which we should be proud.

The side which took the field against Partizan was the same one that demolished Norwich City only recently, by the handsome tune of 4 goals to 1. It was that great performance which persuaded Gutendorf to look towards the same team for some healthy results. With Partizan just managing to avoid the drop into the Yugoslav Second Division the Australians were certainly favourites for the game.

However, the Australians failed to assert superiority in midfield and allowed the visitors to push the ball about the park as they pleased. It was in this first period that the visitors showed some fine touches and almost scored on a couple of occasions.

The Australians managed to break into the attack on a couple of occasions, and both times it was the speed of Sharne that could have proved fruitful. In the 21st minute Sharne was too fast for Trifunovic and with another defender converging on him, it was time to release the ball. Sharne pushed it from almost the corner line into the area but there was not a single player within shooting range.

With five minutes to half time Sharne again showed a clean pair of heels to a Partizan defender, then crossed to the far post for Byrne to hook the ball back into the area, but with nobody in attendance, Zalad came out to collect.

It was apparent from those two breaks through Sharne that Australia would be far better served to allow Partizan the use of the park and rely on fast counter-attacking moves, instead Australia continued in its attempt to match the visitors in their short-passing game and were doomed to fail.

Slobodan Santrac, the man who came with a tremendous reputation as a goalscorer, could have put his side ahead some four minutes after the restart. Zvonko Zivkovic took a corner kick, Pavkovic nodded to

Santrac who turned and hooked the ball into the right hand corner, but Woodhouse made a splendid save.

In the 52nd minute the Yugoslavs went 0-1 ahead. Trifunovic burst into attack on the right flank and with the Australians at sixes and sevens, crossed the ball for Santrac at the near post. Henderson moved in to stop

Santrac who coolly slotted the ball for Varga to hook it into the net from some six metres.

It was interesting to note that Partizan showed a tendency to panic as soon as the Australians started to pump the ball into the area. It was from those crosses in the last 10 to 15 minutes that Australia produced its best and it is puzzling that those tactics were not employed a little earlier.

For Australia, Woodhouse, Prskalo, Souness and Sharne (given the ball) showed a lot of spirit and determination, while the rest occupied themselves chasing the opponent rather than indulging in building their own attack.

I have no doubt that Mark Janjovic would have followed Stojkovic to the bench had the Yugoslav coach decided to replace his star player.

I am also sure that Jankovics, along with the rest of the players, were instructed to "mark" rather than play their own game.

I am afraid it shows a losers' attitude and it should be eliminated from our future games. Losses to New Zealand and Partizan, with a draw at Newcastle against Partizan, certainly do not show quality in our Socceroos.

In 270 minutes of soccer we scored one solitary goal, thanks to a much-disputed penalty in Newcastle.

Is Rudi worried about the results?

"I'd love to win every game. I'd be a fool not to admit that, but let me tell you that the results at present are of secondary importance. I am still going through the selection phase and I am still looking at various aspects of players' abilities. I have formed an opinion on most of them and should be able to select a group of players as a nucleus for my World Cup qualifying team in the near future.

It feels good to win, but I am sure you'll understand at this point of time, I am still not entirely satisfied with some of the players and in order to create a team I must give a chance to as many players as possible."

What did you think of the game?

"We've made the fundamental mistake of allowing Partizan to settle into their rhythm," complained Rudi, "and with four and sometimes five midfielders operating for Partizan, it was difficult for us to get back into the game. But believe me, Partizan is a good team and I am not entirely unhappy with the 0-1 loss."

What of the future?

"We are looking at the return match with New Zealand and then I'll give the Philips League clubs a complete rest before I take off on a long trip with my players. The trip should start in November and should prove beneficial for the Socceroos as well as for me. I will have a chance to have a good long look at our players and to assess their abilities and most probably come back with the winning combination."

FK Partizan Belgrade also had the following challenge matches.

24th.June 1979 Victoria..1 v. FK Patizan Beograd..0 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..10,282

27th.June 1979 South Australia..0 v. FK Patizan Beograd..3 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..4200

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. July 1979,			International Sports Centre, Newcastle, New South Wales										
Australia 'A'..3 v. Australia 'B'..2													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Martyn Crook						GK	Vjekoslav "Yakka" Banović				
	DF	John Yzendoorn						DF	Steve Perry				
	DF	Roberto Echeverria						DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				
	DF	Stuart Baxter						DF	Col.Bennett				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Fausto Tarquinio				
	MF	Ian Souness						MF	John Davies				
	MF	Peter Boyle						MF	John Coyne				
	MF	John Stevenson				X		MF	Peter Stone	X			
	FW	Ken Boden	7, X					FW	Agenor Muniz				
	FW	John Kosmina						FW	Gary Cole				
	FW	Tommy Cumming	X					FW	John Nyskohus	70			
SUBSTITUTES													
	MF	John O'Shea				X							
Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Australia 'A' is also shown as Australia "Yellow" and Australia 'B' is also shown as Australia "Green".

As a curtain raiser (and also a Socceroo trial) Young Socceroos..3 (Hall, Brusasco, Jankovics) defeated Newcastle KB United.. 2 (Senkalski, Jones)

The Young Socceroos line-up was :- Greg Woodhouse; Danny Moulis, George Christopoulos, Steve Hogg, Milan Milovanovic; Peter Raskopoulos (Theo Selemidis), Eddie Krncevic (Craig Hall), Ian Rowden (Sebastian Giampaolo); Ian Hunter, Mark Jankovics (Mark Brusasco), Graham Jennings.

The New York Cosmos was founded on 10th December 1970 and plays in the North American Soccer League.

They won the NASL in 1972, 1977, and 1978.

The Cosmos' first home stadium was Yankee Stadium where they played throughout the 1971 season.

For the 1972 season they moved to Hofstra Stadium and after two seasons relocated to the Downing Stadium.

After the signing of Pele in 1975 they attracted capacity attendances which necessitated another move to Yankee Stadium. For the 1977 season they moved yet again to the newly built Giants Stadium.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. October 1979, 19.30			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)									43000	
Australian XI..2 v. New York Cosmos (U.S.A.)..1													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. New York Cosmos..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Greg Woodhouse						GK	Hubert Birkenmeier				
	DF	Kevin Mullen				51		DF	Greg Ryan				
	DF	Ivo Prskalo						DF	Nelsi Morais				
	DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson	84					DF	Carlos Alberto Torres				
	DF	Jim Tansey						DF	Andre Eskandarian		X		
	MF	Ken Boden				83		MF	Franz Beckenbauer				
	MF	Steve Perry				88		MF	Vladislav Bogicevic				
	MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)	20					MF	Antonio Carbognani		X		
	FW	Tommy Cumming						FW	Gary Etherington				65
	FW	Mark Jankovics						FW	Giorgio Chinaglia	75			
	FW	John Nyskohus						FW	Joaquim Arsénio Rodrigues Jardim 'Seninho'				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Bobby Russell				51			Santiago Formoso				65
		Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				83							
		Josip "Joe" Picioane				88							
Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf					Team Coach		Prof. Júlio Mazzei				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Anton "Tony" Boskovic					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Due to crowd invasion the actual attendance was estimated at about 60,000.

match report from Soccer Action, Volume 4, Number 40, 31/10/1979, page 4 and 5 by Laurie Schwab

Rudi Gutendorf found the centre backs and the midfield general he had been looking for when Australia scored its memorable 2-1 victory over the New York Cosmos last Wednesday night.

Tony Henderson and Ivo Prskalo are the centre backs and Jimmy Rooney the general.

The Henderson-Prskalo combination from Marconi was the fourth tried out since Gutendorf became coach. The previous ones were:- Steve O'Connor-Henderson, Peter Wilson-O'Connor, and Wilson-Stuart Baxter.

Henderson had been used in midfield in previous games against Partizan Belgrade and New Zealand, and he relished his return to defence.

"I like playing centre back. I play much better there," he said after the match.

Indeed, Henderson won everything in the air and stormed forward with the ball continuously. The winning goal he scored near the end was a fitting reward for his effort.

Rooney, back in the national team after a three year absence, was appointed captain for his 85th game in the green and gold.

He was one of the few Australians who could match the illustrious Cosmos for sheer class. Rooney showed it all - neat ball skill, visionary passes, a few Cosmos-style chips, an opportunist goal and the ability to organise and slow down play when necessary.

It was Rooney who was presented by tennis star John Newcombe with the Man of the Match award, but Henderson and left back Jim Tansey were in the same class.

When Tansey got moving in the second half, the Cosmos ducked for cover. Time and again Tansey stormed up the line and cut the ball back into dangerous goalscoring positions, and it was only bad luck that prevented the chances from being turned into goals.

A total of 36 players has been tried out in the five matches played since Gutendorf was appointed coach. The experimentation process continued when Sydney City full back Kevin Mullen was called up, almost as an afterthought. With Peter Sharpe out injured, Mullen was included in the opening team at right back, and Steve Perry who usually plays right back marked Franz Beckenbauer.

Players used in the Australian team this year, with number of appearances indicated, are:-

- Henderson, Jankovics, Woodhouse.
- Perry, S.O'Connor, Degney, Sharpe, Boden, Krncevic.
- Barnes, J.O'Shea, Picioane, Souness, Wilson, Byrne, Muniz, Watson, Tansey, Yzendoorn, Davies, Cole, Cumming, Prskalo.
- Maheer, P.O'Connor, Curran, Kosmina, Baxter, Bertogna, Tredinnick, Stevenson, Mullen, Russell, Rooney, J.Nyskohus, Silva.

After all that, there are still positions that are up for grabs, hopefully, they will be filled in China and South Korea next month.

The questions to which Gutendorf will have to find answers are:-

- Who will be Jimmy Rooney's midfield partners? Will Ken Boden and Steve Perry continue playing in the middle, or should Eddie Krncevic or John Coyne replace one of them?
- With all the talented forwards at his disposal - Jankovics, Sharpe, Cole, Nyskohus, Krncevic, Phil O'Connor, even Boden - which three will be given the opportunity to "play themselves in" over a long period?

Gutendorf's "China squad" was not intact for the Cosmos game, as Gary Cole was unable to get off from work, and Roberto Echeverria was injured.

Cosmos had bigger problems, as injuries robbed the team of both Johan Neeskens and Dennis Tueart, their replacements were midfielder Antonio Carbognani and forward Gary Etherington.

The Cosmos did not play as well as they had in beating Victoria 3-2 in Melbourne. Franz Beckenbauer, who dropped out of midfield to play centre back in the second half, was much more subdued, although still in a class of his own and most players took noticeable "rests" during the match. Only Seninho was as effective as he had been in Melbourne. The Socceroos were generally faster, more determined and more willing to tackle. One aspect of their game with which I did not agree was that the wingers, Tommy Cumming and John Nyskohus, both operated much too wide of central striker Mark Jankovics, with the result that Jankovics always found himself in difficult situations, without support. It would have been to Australia's advantage to have one of the other forwards operating a little more inside - as, indeed, Nyskohus did early in the game. It was a memorable triumph for the Socceroos. It illustrated once again that a player can rise to new heights when he dons the green and gold shirt. But it is a result which must not be taken to mean that Australia is already half way to the World Cup finals. A lot of work remains to be done, and the teams we will meet in the World Cup qualifying series will give us much stiffer competition than the slow, albeit skilful veterans of New York. The match did not start well for Australia. Tansey fouled Etherington and maestro Beckenbauer failed narrowly with the free kick, sending the ball bouncing off the bottom of the post. Moments later Beckenbauer speared in an incredible through ball into space ahead of Seninho in full flight. Luckily, Greg Woodhouse read the move well, and dashed to the edge of the penalty area where he managed to kick the ball away from Seninho. The Socceroos' first crowd-pleasing move was a diagonal ground pass by John Nyskohus for Tommy Cumming running in, but goalkeeper Hubert Birkenmeier dashed out to save. Cumming returned the favor by playing a fine through ball for Nyskohus but this time it was Andranik Eskandarian who got in the way. Tommy Cumming was opposed by Greg Ryan in the first half but he was to renew the battle he had fought with Eskandarian in Melbourne after half time, when he maintained his practice of remaining on the grandstand wing rather than changing sides. Nyskohus ran at the defence yet again in the 12th minute, before slipping the ball wide to overlapping Kevin Mullen. Jankovics challenged Birkenmeier for Mullen's cross, which went to unmarked Jimmy Rooney who headed it home neatly from point blank range. The crowd roared its approval. They had read so much about the millionaire super stars from America, yet our own Socceroos had taken the lead. Remarkable! Mullen was dominating the right flank during this period but his many attacks left Seninho free to cause problems in counter-attacks. Rooney was dropping back to cover Henderson when the latter went forward, but there was no one to slot in behind Mullen. Jankovics shot well in the 28th minute, causing Birkenmeier to fumble momentarily before holding the ball at the second attempt. Woodhouse looked much more confident than Birkenmeier, especially in his willingness to come off the line. He made an excellent save from Georgio Chinaglia after about 30 minutes, and then Tansey was called upon to block Etherington who was the final link in a chain of passes via Chinaglia and Vladislav Bogicevic. At the other end, Carlos Alberto made a good clearance after Henderson had dribbled through the defence and launched a strong shot. Cosmos were pushing everyone forward in their quest for the equaliser, but were leaving their defence vulnerable to counter-attacks. Rooney started one with an inspired long ball to Steve Perry, standing alone on the half way line. Perry took off across 35 metres of open territory, hotly pursued by Nelsi Morais. Perry could have run on into the penalty area but he shot too early, enabling Birkenmeier to punch clear. But Australia came again and Birkenmeier was forced to fly out to grab a Perry cross, risking injury by Jankovics who was coming in full bore. The crowd held its breath when Bogicevic suddenly converged on a loose ball inside the penalty area, with only Woodhouse came at him, Bogicevic chipped the ball over, but he lifted it centimetres too high and it flashed over the bar. Rooney, Henderson and Nyskohus had been the outstanding players for Australia in the first half, while Seninho, Etherington and Beckenbauer had done good work for the visitors. Gutendorf made a wise move six minutes after the interval when he replaced Mullen with Russell. Clearly, Seninho had been causing Australia too many problems, and Russell was looked upon to subdue the Portuguese star. But Seninho quickly escaped. Before Russell had had time to warm to his task, Seninho was operating on the opposite wing, against Jim Tansey. Tansey not only stopped Seninho, but he also became Australia's main driving force in the second half. Inspired by Tansey's countless gallops, Russell tried one of his own on the right. He got to the line and sent over a menacing cross, which Birkenmeier punched out, straight to lurking Ken Boden who rammed it back low, but wide of goal. Beckenbauer was playing as sweeper now but Steve Perry was not relieved of the job of marking him. This resulted in Perry playing as a fourth forward. Carlos Alberto had taken Beckenbauer's place in midfield. A weaving run by Rooney looked promising but Bogicevic cut him down from behind. The resultant free kick, taken by Henderson, missed narrowly. Tansey went on a spectacular run past Carlos Alberto, down the flank, and cut the ball back to Nyskohus who shot over the bar. Eskandarian was shown the yellow card by Tony Boskovic for having fouled Cumming. Again Henderson took the free kick, blasting narrowly over. Santiago Formoso replaced Etherington in the 65th minute - a surprising move, as Etherington had shown more aggression than the other Cosmos forwards. Australia continued to attack, with Jankovics dashing to the line and cutting the ball back high to the far side of the goal where Cumming hit the ball first-time on the volley, but once again it was too high. Tansey took off again down the flank and his cut-back found Perry unmarked in the middle of the penalty area but Perry missed from 15 metres. The Socceroos had wasted so many chances, and finally paid for it when Cosmos moved forward and equalised in the 75th minute. It started with an inspired long ball by Bogicevic to Carbognani who slipped the ball square for Chinaglia to turn and slam into the net. Chinaglia had an altercation with Henderson, during which he took a swing at the tall Australian. The swing missed, and Boskovic overlooked the incident but he said later that had it been a league match, he would have sent Chinaglia off. Australia started its most impressive period when Eddie Krncevic came on for Boden in the 83rd minute. One minute after the change, Beckenbauer headed the ball out for a corner. Rooney sent the kick to the near post where Jankovics got his head to it, deflecting the ball over Birkenmeier to Henderson who rose and headed it into the net for the winning goal. Seconds later, Jankovics broke clear in yet another Australian attack. Only Birkenmeier was left ahead of him, but Jankovics slipped and fell over. Krncevic made the most of his short time on the field. The guy was incredible! He broke away with a strong run, stepped skilfully around Nelsi Morais and launched a sizzling shot which Birkenmeier did well to hold. Just after Joe Piccone had replaced Perry, Krncevic raced past three opponents and belted another piledriver at Birkenmeier, who flew spectacularly to turn it over the bar for a corner. Boskovic checked his watch, raised his arm and ended the game with his whistle. It was the signal for thousands of people to swarm the pitch and mob their Socceroos heroes. Let's hope we see similar scenes during the World Cup qualifying series of 1981.

New York Cosmos also had the following challenge matches.

21st.October 1979 Victoria..2 v. New York Cosmos..3 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria Attendance..28,000

28th.October 1979 Adelaide City..0 v. New York Cosmos..2 at Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..23,500

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. November 1979,			Beijing Workers' Stadium, Beijing, People's Republic of China									80000	
Shandong Province (P.R. China)..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Shandong Province..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Li Chong-Wai				68		GK	Martyn Crook				
	DF	Li Won-Chien						DF	Kevin Mullen				
	DF	Ziang Hong-Chien				68*		DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				
	DF	Yang Pai-Huang						DF	Ivo Prskalo				
	DF	Wang Bau-Cheng						DF	Jim Tansey				
	MF	Chang Low-Di						MF	Steve Perry				
	MF	Dai Ren-Chen				46		MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)				
	MF	Ying Ti-Son				85		FW	John Nyskohus				46*
	FW	An Chen	55					FW	Mark Jankovics				75
	FW	Chiong Sheng-Yuang						FW	Ken Boden	56			46
	FW	Chang Tsong-Fan				80		FW	Tommy Cumming				81
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Wai Chi-Hong				68			Gary Cole	67			46
		Chou Shin-Guang				68*			Peter Sharne				81
		Low Chi-Chen				46			Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				75
		Gai Yu-Chien				85			Philip "Phil" O'Connor	68			46*
		Fang Hua-Ling				80							
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf						
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

Chang Tsong-Fan is also shown as Chang Tsong-Fa.

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Gutendorf shows a flair for substitutions during the first match against Shandong Province at the Peking Workers' Stadium.

Gary Cole batters the Shandong defence into submission when he comes on as a central striker at half time and Phil O'Connor dominates the left wing after replacing John Nyskohus.

After a shaky opening 10 minutes during which Gutendorf leaves Ken Boden too far forward and thus concedes the midfield to Shandong, the Socceroos start to get the upper hand.

Captain Jimmy Rooney is a human whirlwind but it is Steve Perry who deserves most praise. Perry has remained in midfield after doing a good job shadowing Franz Beckenbauer in the victory over New York Cosmos in Sydney, and he excels once more.

When he returns to right back, replacing Kevin Mullen, Perry cuts off Sandong's main avenue of attack, blotting out winger Chang Tsong-Fan.

In the near-freezing cold Shandong takes the lead after 55 minutes when Australian goalkeeper Martyn Crook reacts too late to prevent An Chen from heading into the net.

But Australia equalises within seconds. Rooney's corner goes to Perry whose cross is headed hard by Tony Henderson. Shandong goalkeeper Li Chong-Wai spills the ball and Ken Boden rams it home. Enthusiastic roars and explosions of firecrackers greet Australia's goal, just as they had greeted the goal by Shandong.

In the 67th minute Perry plays the ball forward to Cole who lashes a powerful low shot virtually through the hands of the goalkeeper to put Australia into the lead.

Phil O'Connor scores the final goal after excellent lead-up work by Peter Sharne and Cole three minutes from the end.

Sharne puts the ball into the net in an offside position just before the end, and there are many other scoring chances during play - three by Jankovics, three by Cole, two by Rooney, one by Boden.

Shandong Province 1 (An Chen 55th) Australia 3 (Boden 56th, Cole 67th) in Peking, crowd 80,000

Shandong Province: Li Chong-wai (Wai Chi-hong 68th) - Li Won-chien, Ziang Hong-chien (Chou Shing-guang 68th), Yang Pai-huang, Wang Bau-cheng - Chang Low-di, Dai Ren-chen (Low Chi-chen half time),

Ying Ti-son (Gai Yu-chien 85th) - An Chen, Chiong Sheng-yuang, Chang Tsong-fa (Fang Hua-ling 80th).

Australia: Crook - Mullen (Cole half time), Prskalo, Henderson, Tansy - Perry, Rooney - Nyskohus (O'Connor, half time), Jankovics (Krncevic 75th), Boden, Cumming (Sharne 81st).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. November 1979,			Beijing Workers' Stadium, Beijing, People's Republic of China							-5C		40000	
Beijing F.C (China)..2 v. Australia..2													
half time, Beijing F.C ..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Wang Juing-Sen					GK	Martyn Crook					
	DF	Chang Don-Pint				65	DF	Bobby Russell					46
	DF	Wen Yuang					DF	Ivo Prskalo					
	DF	Sha Bau-Chu					DF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson	21(og)				
	DF	Liu Li-Fu					DF	Jim Tansey					
	MF	Hong Yuang-Shu					MF	Steve Perry					
	MF	Liu De-Li					MF	Ken Boden	40(pk)				77
	MF	Li Huai					MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)					
	FW	Li Wai-Shiao				67	FW	Tommy Cumming	66				
	FW	Shung Shiang-Fu				46	FW	Mark Jankovics		X			46*
	FW	Yu Jing-Liang				79	FW	Philip "Phil" O'Connor					70
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ma Jin-Ping				65		Kevin Mullen					46
		Yo Jing-Liang				67		John Coyne		X, X			77
		Li Fu-Bao	48			46		Gary Cole					46*
		Liu Chi-Chien				79		John Nyskohus					70
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf						
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

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After a bruising 2-2 draw with the talented Peking team, it is clear that the Chinese players are no puny weaklings to be brushed aside with ease.

Gary Cole's broken fibreglass shinguard is evidence that the Chinese are keeping well abreast of western trends. Their bone-crunching tackles are every bit as strong as those of the Soccerroos.

Gutendorf complains with justification about referee Tsao Jing-jien who is too slow with his whistle, awards scores of unnecessary free kicks, fails to award a penalty when Mark Jankovics is floored by a yellow card and shows John Coyne the yellow card . . . twice!

Australia is hampered further by the cold of minus five degrees celsius but no amount of excuses can explain away this inept performance.

There is no cohesion between midfield and attack and marking is slack during Peking's best raids.

Only flashes of individual brilliance saved Australia from defeat but even in individual play, Australia does not show the same skill as the Chinese.

And as for general team work, Peking leaves Australia for dead.

Australia can thank its lucky stars that it has Jimmy Rooney back after a two-year absence.

He is the midfield maestro against Peking, as he was in the 3-1 victory over Shandong.

With Steve Perry marking Peking playmaker Li Huai and Ken Boden spending much of his time in attack. Rooney is left as the only man moving up and down the pitch constantly. When the Australian defence is twisted into knots, Rooney appears to alleviate the danger. If most of the Australian moves break down, it is not Rooney who should be blamed. At least he starts most of them.

Goalkeeper Martyn Crook also shows flashes of brilliance. He dives bravely at the feet of Li Huai who breaks away in the fifth minute and makes a spectacular one-handed save from Hoy Yuang Shu at the half-hour mark.

But Crook is lucky not to be sent off the field over a display of temper. In protest against an incorrect corner kick decision, Crook boots the ball towards the referee. It does not hit him but such behaviour earns the red card back home.

Apart from Rooney and Crook, the only Soccerroos consistantly above average are Ivo Prskalo, Phil O'Connor, Jim Tansey and Ken Boden in flashes. Steve Perry sticks resolutely to his task of marking Li Huai.

Yet even these players can do much better, as they are to show in later games.

As was the case against Shandong Province, Australia falls behind early against Peking when Tony Henderson turns a square ball from Shung Shian-fu into his own net in the 21st minute.

Ken Boden equalises from a penalty awarded when O'Connor is fouled by Liu De-li five minutes before half time.

Kevin Mullen replaces Bobby Russell and Gary Cole comes on for Mark Jankovics at half time.

Cole's strength unsettles the Peking defence and his broken shinguard suggests after the game that someone was out to stop him at all costs.

Tommy Cumming puts Australia into the lead after O'Connor has headed on a Tansey free kick but half-time substitute Li Fu Bao levels the score four minutes from the end with a powerful drive that deflects off Mullen's back and wrong-foots goalkeeper Crook.

John Coyne, making his Australian debut, is shown the yellow card for coming on as a substitute before the referee has given formal permission, and again in the last few minutes over an incident behind play.

Peking 2 (Henderson own goal 21st, Li Fu Bao 8th) Australia 2 (Boden penalty 40th, Cumming 66th) in Peking, crowd 40,000.
Peking: Wang Juing-sen - Chang Dong-ping (Ma Jin-ping 65th), Wen Yuang, Sha Bau-chu, Liu Li-fu - Hong Yuang-shu, Liu De-li, Li Huai - Li Wai-shiao (Yo Jing-liang 67th), Shung Shian-fu (Li Fu-bao half time), Yu Jing-liang (Liu Chi-chien 79th).
Australia: Crook - Russell (Mullen, half time), Prskalo, Henderson, Tansey - Perry, Boden (Coyne 77th), Rooney - Cumming, Jankovics (Cole half time), O'Connor (Nyskohus 70th).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. November 1979,			Chiang Wai Stadium, Shanghai, People's Republic of China									40000	
Shanghai (China)..2 v. Australia..3													
half time, Shanghai..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Liu Wen-Bing				46		GK	Greg Woodhouse		X		83
	DF	Chiang Bin-Rao						DF	Steve Perry				
	DF	Chu Ming-Liang						DF	Ivo Prskalo				
	DF	Chang Wai-Shing						DF	Arno Bertogna				
	DF	Lu Ly-Shing						DF	Jim Tansey				
	MF	Shi Chi-Kang						MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson	55			70
	MF	Chu Be-Ling						MF	Ken Boden	13			
	FW	Li Chong-Hua	82					FW	Mark Jankovics				46
	FW	Lu Miao-Sen				65		FW	Peter Sharne	66			
	FW	Chu Yu-Hong	4					FW	Gary Cole				46*
	FW	Chang Chi-Gang				38		FW	Tommy Cumming				67
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Gao Wai-Ping				46		GK	Martyn Crook				83
		Suong Huang-Ming				65			John Coyne				70
		Lu An-Kang				38			Philip "Phil" O'Connor				46
									John Nyskohus				67
									Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				46*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Tsang Chi-Ling											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Gutendorf kicks a ball onto the pitch in disgust, heaves a crate of soft drinks onto the running track and fines goalkeeper Woodhouse \$50 as the Socceroos defeat Shanghai, the referee and two linesmen 3-2.

Gutendorf and the players are disgusted by what he calls blatantly partisan refereeing.

Indeed, referee Tsang Chi-ling is even worse than the inept referee who handled the 2-2 draw with Peking.

Gutendorf dispenses with his usual "Circle of concentration" during which the players hold hands and chant motivating slogans. "We don't need it," he says in the dressing room. "I don't think this will be a very strong team. I want you to relax and express yourselves out there."

But after four minutes Shanghai has taken the lead.

Bertogna misses a tackle on Shi Chi-Kang who slips the ball short for Chu Yu-hong to score the first goal.

A poor back pass by Tony Henderson almost results in another Shanghai goal but Australia equalises when Tommy Cumming cuts the ball back to Ken Boden who lobs it high into the top corner of goal in the 13th minute.

"It takes us too long to get warmed up. Now we start playing - after a quarter of an hour. This is rubbish," Gutendorf mutters on the bench.

Then the refereeing trouble starts. Jim Tansey is cursing out loud while running back after referee Tsang wrongly has flagged outside. "You're right, Tansey," yells Gutendorf.

There's another bad offside call, triggering a fiery outburst from Gutendorf. "You idiot. It's impossible what he makes here. Incredible!"

But there are also things that please him. "Arno is playing well. He's winning everything in the air."

"I'm very impressed with Steve Perry also," he adds.

But after another offside call Gutendorf is back on his feet, urging the players to protest en masse. They do so, rushing at the referee, but he has the poise to wave them away.

In Chinese soccer there is a head referee, seated on the touchline, who has ultimate power and who arbitrates on complaints by either side.

Approached by the irate Australian coach, the head official concedes only that Tsang has made "a few" mistakes.

"This team is stronger than I had thought," Gutendorf says in the dressing room at half time.

"The referee is against us and so are the linesman. They flag offside for everything, so when you have the ball, go through alone. It's the only way."

Gutendorf is still fuming over Tsang's disallowance of a goal scored by Henderson just before half time. The shot, from a free kick, gave the goalkeeper no chance, but Tsang ruled Cumming was marginally offside.

Australia resumes with Eddie Krncevic at centre forward in place of Cole, and Phil O'Connor on for Jankovics.

Within a minute Shanghai loses its goalkeeper, Liu Won-bing, injured in a collision with Krncevic and carried off on a stretcher.

Boden follows half-time advice, running alone past three opponents into the penalty area where he's floored by an illegal tackle from behind. A blatant penalty but Tsang says it's not.

The last straw! Gutendorf storms to the head official, picks up a ball and in a grandiose act of defiance, boots it hard onto the playing pitch.

He strides back to the Australian bench, picks up a crate of soft drinks supplied by Shanghai officials, walks onto the running track and throws it hard onto the ground.

But O'Connor and Henderson combine to make Gutendorf smile again.

O'Connor holds the ball well and crosses it to Henderson whose low drive beats the groping substitute goalkeeper, Gao Wai-ping, to put Australia into the lead after 55 minutes.

The Socceroos start playing their own version of aerial ping-pong. "That's the only way with these small Chinese goalkeepers. Beat them in the air," Gutendorf says.

A long cross from Tansey, best on the field, has the desired effect. Krncevic heads it down to Peter Sharne who scores to give Australia a 3-1 lead in the 66th minute.

John Nyskohus and John Coyne come on for Cumming and Henderson and for a while it's little more than a training game.

Then more fire. Goalkeeper Woodhouse is fouled, loses his temper and throws the ball hard at an opponent. Referee Tsang flashes the yellow card and Gutendorf immediately has Martyn Crook warming up to replace Woodhouse.

"Is he mad? In Europe you are sent off for such stupidity. I will fine him 50 dollars for that," Gutendorf says.

But Shanghai scores before Crook has time to come on. Bertogna makes a bad back pass, Cha Yu-hong intercepts it and slips it to danger man Li Chong-hua who makes the final score 3-2.

When Tsang rules offside from a corner, Gutendorf brings the curtain down on a colorful afternoon. "Oh my Gott. Now I have seen everything. I can die now and I have not missed anything."

Shanghai 2 (Chu Yu-hong 4th, Li Chiang-Hua 82nd) Australia 3 (Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th) in Shanghai, crowd 40,000.

Shanghai: Liu Wen-bing (injured, Gao Wai-ping 46th min) - Chiang Bin-rao, Chu Ming Liang, Chang Wai-shing, Lu Ly-shing - Shi Chi-Kang, Chu Be-ling - Li Chong-hua, Lu Miao-sen (Suong Huang-ming 65th), Chu Yu-hong, Chang Chi-gang (Lu An-kang 38th).

Australia: Woodhouse (Crook 83rd) - Perry, Prskalo, Bertogna, Tansey - Jankovics (O'Connor half time), Henderson (Coyne 70th), Boden - Sharne, Cole (Krncevic half time), Cumming (Nyskohus 67th).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. November 1979,			Hongkou Football Stadium, Shanghai, People's Republic of China									35000	
Tianjin Province (China)..2 v. Australia..3													
half time, Tianjin Province..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Li Gi-Ming				28		GK	Martyn Crook				
	DF	Fong Tian-Bao						DF	Kevin Mullen				
	DF	Shung Chi-Tai						DF	Ivo Prskalo				
	DF	Wan Guan-Tai						DF	Bobby Russell				
	DF	Ji Yu-Bo						DF	Jim Tansey				
	MF	Wan Chuing-Fa				65		MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				46
	MF	Chuong Shu-Sen						MF	John Coyne				
	MF	Wu Tse-Ming						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				70
	FW	Wan Yu-Jien						FW	Tommy Cumming				
	FW	Chen Jing-Gang						FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic	5, 23, 54			
	FW	Chang Guai-Lai						FW	Philip "Phil" O'Connor				46*
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Wan Jien-An				28			John Nyskohus				
		Lu Hong-Shian				65			Mark Jankovics				46
									Gary Cole				70
									Peter Sharne				46*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Sha Tsang-Fa											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Tianjin's players threaten to walk off the pitch during a turbulent match which Australia wins 3-0, with all three goals coming from Eddie Krncevic in front of 35,000 people at Hung Kao Stadium.

The Chinese protest angrily to referee Sha Tsang Fa after Krncevic scores his second goal. They argue it should have disallowed because when Jimmy Rooney started the move with a corner kick, the ball was not within the corner circle.

Led by goalkeeper Li Gi-ming who is gesticulating wildly, the Tianjin players mob the referee and then race to the sideline to complain to the head official.

When they fail to get satisfaction, some players stay off the pitch. Centre forward Chen Jing-gang tries to restore order by dragging goalkeeper Li away from the referee. Li runs to his own goal, picks the ball out of the net and boots it defiantly into the crowd.

It takes five minutes to restore order and restart the game.

Prskalo, Mullen and Krncevic are the stars of Australia's victory. It is a better performance than the ones against Shanghai, Peking and Shandong Province, but Tianjin is no better than a moderate Australian State League side.

The return of midfield general Rooney is what makes the difference. He is the only man with the poise to steady down the play. His delicate chips and his ability to win the ball in tackles are valuable attributes.

In fact the entire four-man Victorian contingent - Rooney, Tansey, Cumming and Cole when he comes on as a substitute - is impressive.

Gutendorf inflated their egos before the game by telling them in private that they definitely would be in the 1981-82 World Cup squad. They are the only players with such an assurance to this stage.

Krncevic scores the first goal of his hat-trick in the fifth minute when he heads home a left-wing cross from Tansey.

His disputed second goal comes in the 23rd minute and the third by courtesy of the Chinese substitute goalkeeper, Wan Jien-an in the 54th minute. Krncevic shoots from 30 metres, and the ball bounces off Wan's chest and face, into the net.

Sharne and Jankovics also have chances to score and Cole hits the post.

Tianjin's attacks are feeble but it takes all the talent of Martyn Crook to prevent Ji Yu-bo from scoring with a header from eight metres in the second half.

Tianjin 0 Australia 3 (Krncevic 5th, 23rd and 54th) in Shanghai, crowd 35,000.

Tianjin: Li Gi-ming (Wan Jien-an 28th) - Fong Tian-bao, Shung Chi-tai, Wan Guan-tai, Ji Yu-bo - Wan Chuing-fa (Lu Hong-shian 65th), Chuong Shu-sen, Wu Tse-ming - Wan Yu-jien, Chen Jing-gang, Chang Guai-lai.

Australia: Crook - Mullen, Prskalo, Russell, Tansey - Coyne, Henderson (Jankovics, half time), Rooney (Cole 70th) - Cumming, Krncevic, O'Connor (Sharne half time).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
21st. November 1979,			Guangzhou, People's Republic of China									30000	
Canton Army (China)..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, Canton Army..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Chu Sha-Jin					GK	Greg Woodhouse					
	DF	Yi Tso-Juang					DF	Steve Perry					
	DF	Luong Huao					DF	Ivo Prskalo					
	DF	Ching Yiang-Chao					DF	Arno Bertogna					
	DF	Her Wei					DF	Jim Tansey					
	DF	Chen Yi-Min					MF	Philip "Phil" O'Connor					39
	MF	Chang Shu-Ren				68	MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson					
	MF	Tsen Jing-Shing					MF	Ken Boden					59
	MF	Chang Ji-Chang					MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)					46
	FW	Wan Gao-Luong				72	FW	Tommy Cumming					65
	FW	Tsen Shiang-Huer					FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic	61				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ma Shen				68		John Nyskohus					39
		Yiang Wei-Shang				72		John Coyne					65
								Gary Cole					59
								Peter Sharne					46
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Eddie Krncevic scores his fourth goal in as many days as the Socceroos, inspired by a brilliant performance by Jim Tansey, beat the Canton Army 1-0.

Tansey dominates the left flank and delivers the cross that leads to Krncevic's winning goal in the 61st minute.

The win leaves the Australians unbeaten after five matches in China. Now it's off to Taiwan, via Hong Kong.

The Canton Army provides the Socceroos with their toughest opposition so far.

Having assessed Australia's strength in the televised 2-2 draw with Peking, the Army plays a tight defensive game, with a sweeper behind two centre backs, and only one striker up front.

The Socceroos, especially Tansey and right back Perry, keep battering away at that steadfast defence but with Krncevic and Cumming marked tightly, there is no way through.

Gutendorf brings on Sharne at half time to provide width and speed in attack and instructs his players to try and draw out the Chinese backs.

Just after half time, he replaces Ken Boden with big Gary Cole to give Australia more strength in the air. It pays off immediately when Cole goes up to chest the ball down to Krncevic who scores the only goal.

The Chinese show skill and speed and their sweeper, Ching Yiang-chao, is an excellent all-round player but their emphasis on defence means that Australian goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse has only two shots to save during the 90 minutes, and neither worries him.

While Tansey is by far the best on the ground, Australia has other stars in Perry, Bertogna and Prskalo. Boden has a few spectacular runs and Nyskohus is excellent in midfield after coming on as a substitute late in the first half.

Canton Army 0 Australia 1 (Krncevic 61st) in Canton, crowd 30,000.

Canton Army: Chu Sha-jin - Yi Tso-Juang, Luong Huao, Ching Yiang-chao, Her Wei, Chen Yi-min - Chang Shu-ren (Ma-shen 68th), Tsen Jing-shing, Chang Ji-chang - Wan Gao-luong (Yiang Wei-shang 72nd), Tsen Shiang-huer.

Australia: Woodhouse - Perry, Prskalo, Bertogna, Tansey - O'Connor (Sharne 38th), Henderson, Boden (Cole 59th), Rooney (Sharne, half time) - Cumming (Coyne 65th), Krncevic.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
26th. November 1979,			Taipei, Taiwan									1500	
Taipei City Bank F.C.(Taiwan)..1 v. Australia..7													
half time, Taipei City Bank F.C..0 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Chen Hen-kon				30		GK	Greg Woodhouse				
	DF	Wu Sheu-chi						DF	Kevin Mullen				
	DF	Ming Chun-Shen						DF	Ivo Prskalo				
	DF	Yun Cheng-Wa						DF	Arno Bertogna				
	DF	Ting Tsia-Tsai				80		DF	Jim Tansey				65
	MF	Chen Wu-Chung						MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson	25			35
	MF	Den Sen-Du						MF	James "Jim" Rooney				46
	MF	Gin Ying-Wu						FW	Mark Jankovics				
	FW	Chen Jen-Yu						FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic	8, 23, 33, 53, 55			
	FW	Sen Ur-Cheung	60					FW	Gary Cole	59			
	FW	Den Chen-Du						FW	Tommy Cumming				46*
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Lee Chen-hsing				30			Steve Perry				65
		Pu Ping-Hurn				80			Peter Sharne				46
									John Coyne				35
									Bobby Russell				46*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudolf "Rudi" Gutendorf				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Eddie Krncevic breaks the Socceroo goalscoring record by notching five as Australia brushes aside the weak Taipei City Bank team 7-1.

The previous best had been hat-tricks by Archie Blue (1965), Attila Abonyi (two in 1967), Adrian Alston (1970 and 1974), Mike Denton (1970), Peter Ollerton (1977) and Krncevic himself two games earlier against Tianjin.

His five goals against the Bank give him a total of nine in three matches.

"Best striker in Australia - by far," says his Marconi team mate Prskalo on the way back to the modern Sesame Hotel.

Prskalo, veteran of more than 20 overseas tours with Yugoslav club Velez Mostar before joining Marconi, is Krncevic's mentor. The young striker respects Prskalo's experience and achievements and he listens to the "old Man's" advice.

So he doesn't take it lightly when Prskalo mutters; "Unbelievable how you missed those two chances." He is referring to chances from which Krncevic should have scored another two goals.

Another of his Marconi team mates, Tony Henderson, had been saying all along that Krncevic has no peers among the strikers of Australia, but it's taken the scoring feats of the past few days to give Krncevic No.1 ranking ahead of Jankovics and Cole.

Henderson, incidentally, and Cole, score the other two goals against the City Bank. Henderson injures a groin muscle shortly after his goal and has to be replaced.

Although the 7-1 scoreline constitutes the Socceroos' third-biggest win after the 9-0 against Macao in 1970 and the 8-1 against Combined Services in Singapore in 1967, it does nothing at all for Australia's pride.

Most of the players are disgusted at having to play against a team of such a low standard.

Gutendorf even advises his men not to go overboard with their scoring in the second half, lest no-one turns up for the full international against Taiwan.

A crowd of only about 1500 is at the game against the City Bank. A sports reporter tells me it is a bigger crowd than soccer usually is able to draw. Baseball and basketball are the biggest sports here, reflecting the American influence.

Of the City Bank players, who concede much height and stength to the Australians, only striker Sen Ur-cheung has above average ability, so it is fitting that he scores the Bank's only goal with a neat chip over Woodhouse.

Taipei City Bank 1 (Sen-Ur Cheung 60th) Australia 7 (Krncevic 8th, 23rd, 33rd, 53rd & 55th, Henderson 25th, Cole 59th) in Taipei, crowd 1500.

Taipei City Bank: Hen-kon Chen (Chen-hsing Lee 30th) - Sheu-chi Wu, Ming Chun Shen, Yun Cheng wa, Ting Tsia Tsai (Pu Ping Hurn 80th) - Chen Wu Chung, Den Sen Du, Gin Ying Wu - Chen Jen Yu, Sen Ur Cheung, Den Chen Du.

Australia: Woodhouse - Mullen, Prskalo, Bertogna, Tansey (Perry 65th) - Henderson (injured, sub. Coyne 35th), Rooney (Sharne, half time) - Jankovics, Krncevic, Cole, Cumming (Russell, half time).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. November 1979,			Taipei, Taiwan									2000	
Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)..0 v. Australia..2													
half time, Taiwan..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Chan Jung-Sun						GK	Greg Woodhouse				78
	DF	Yung Fu-Sun						DF	Steve Perry				
	DF	Chen Chin						DF	Ivo Prskalo				
	DF	Sue Tse-Tsun						DF	Arno Bertogna				
	DF	Sue Ming-Hong				78		DF	Jim Tansey				78*
	MF	Jung Kim-Moo						MF	Anthony "Tony" Henderson				
	MF	Chen Chung-Foo						MF	James "Jim" Rooney (c)				75
	MF	Cho Chung-Foo						FW	Peter Sharne				46
	FW	Lo Tse-chung				80		FW	Ken Boden				
	FW	Chang Ko-Che						FW	Eduvard "Eddie" Krncevic				82
	FW	To Tung-Chen						FW	Tommy Cumming	43			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Wu Chiao-Sing				78			Mark Jankovics				75
		Fong Yung-Long				80			Kevin Mullen				78*
									Gary Cole	74			46
								GK	Martyn Crook				78
									John Coyne				82
Team Coach							Team Coach		Rudi Gutendorf				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Taiwan 0 Australia 2 (Cumming 43rd, Cole 74) in Taipei, crowd 2000.

Taiwan: Chan Jung-Sun - Yung Fu Sun, Chen Chin, Sue Tse Tsun, Sue Ming Hong (Wu Chiao Sing 78th) - Jung Kim Moo, Chen Chung Foo, Cho Chung Foo - Lo Tse Chung (Fong Yung Long 80th), Chang Ko Che, To Tung Chen.

Australia: Woodhouse (Cook 78th) - Perry, Prskalo, Bertogna, Tansey (Mullen 78th) - Henderson, Rooney (Jankovics 75th) - Sharne (Cole, half time), Boden, Krncevic (Coyne 82nd), Cumming.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, Thursday 29/11/1979, page 30

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19791130&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

A tired Australian Soccer team arrived here tonight (*Wednesday*) en route to Sydney at the end of an unbeaten seven-match tour of China and Taiwan.

The players had a quiet celebration after last night's 2-0 win against the Taiwan national side. The team arrives in Sydney at about 6.30am on Friday.

Sweeper Ivo Prskalo has a bruised leg after a crunching tackle in the last game but, that apart, all players are fit.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf singled out the matches with Peking (a 2-2 draw) and the Canton Army side (a 1-0 win) as the hardest of the tour.

He believes his toughest time as coach will come in the first six months of next year when Australia play Czechoslovakia, the European champions, England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

For the match with Czechoslovakia in January, Gutendorf will retain most of the present squad, with the notable exception of midfielder Kenny Boden, who will be in England.

Boden was man-of-the-match against Taiwan. After facing a stonewall defence for 43 minutes, he dribbled through the defence, and passed to the tigerish little Scot Tommy Cumming who calmly bent the ball past the keeper.

When the second goal came in the 75th minute, again from a run by Boden finished off by substitute Gary Cole, Gutendorf knew it was all over and sent on his three remaining substitutes.

"It was a good tour, we scored 24 goals and gave six away, but it was not good enough - I saw too many mistakes," Gutendorf said.

"But I have a year and a half before the World Cup finals in Spain and I can mould these players into a good team."

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